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Pleas questioning BBMP's notices flood High Court

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A large number of property owners are knocking on the doors of the Karnataka HC every day challenging the notices issued by the BBMP, which has demanded payment of additional property tax.
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Swaminathan, Rao, Charan Singh to get Bharat Ratna

The Green Revolution pioneer and two former PMs join former Deputy PM L.K. Advani, former Bihar CM Karpoori Thakur in the list of awardees this year, the longest ever announced in a year

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

Dr. M.S. SWAMINATHAN
(7 August 1925 - 28 September 2023)
- Agricultural scientist & agronomist
- Born in Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu
- Played an instrumental role in Green Revolution and towards food self-sufficiency in India

P.V. NARASIMHA RAO
(28 June 1921 - 23 December 2004)
- Former Prime Minister of India (1991-96)
- Born in Warangal, Telangana
- Credited with steering the liberalisation of Indian Economy

CHAUDHARY CHARAN SINGH
(23 December 1902 - 29 May 1987)
- Former Prime Minister of India (1979-80)
- Born in Noorpur, Uttar Pradesh
- Leader of the Lok Dal, credited as a leader of farmers in north India

The Bharat Ratna will be conferred on former Prime Ministers P.V. Narasimha Rao and Chaudhary Charan Singh, as well as Green Revolution pioneer M.S. Swaminathan, adding to the two awardees already announced earlier this year – socialist leader Karpoori Thakur, and former Deputy Prime Minister L.K. Advani.

A Rashtrapati Bhawan communique made the announcement on Friday, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauding his late predecessors – the Congress PM Rao's liberalisation policies, and the Janata Party PM Singh's championing of the farmers' cause – as well as the late agricultural scientist Swaminathan's services in the field.

This year's tally of five Bharat Ratna awardees, one more than the four announced in 1999, is the highest that has ever been announced in a single year. Four of the five awards announced this year are posthumous.

Congress leader Sonia Gandhi and party president Mallikarjun Kharge both welcomed the announcement.

"On the behalf of Indian National Congress, we welcome the Bharat Ratna being conferred to Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao, Chaudhary Charan Singh and Dr. M.S. Swaminathan. Former Prime Minister and former Congress president, Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao has tremendously contributed to nation building," Mr. Kharge said, in a post on X.

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Eshwarappa booked for 'shoot' remark

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

Former Deputy Chief Minister K.S. Eshwarappa has been booked by the Davangere Extension Station police for his alleged inflammatory speech made during a function in the city on Thursday.

Based on a plaint filed by Hanumanthappa, 36, a resident of Nijalingappa Extension in Davangere, a case was registered on Friday. In his complaint, Mr. Hanumanthappa alleged that Mr. Eshwarappa, during a function at Shamanur Parvathamma Shivashankarappa Kalyana Mantapa on Thursday, had urged Prime Minister Modi to "enact a law to shoot the likes of D.K. Suresh and Vinay Kulkarni", terming them as "traitors trying to divide the country."

He was reacting to a statement by Congress MP D.K. Suresh a few days ago, evoking a strong response from the BJP.

5 dead in violence after demolition of 'illegal' structures

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Clashes erupt in Uttarakhand's Haldwani following a drive to clear encroachments. REUTERS

Five people were killed and 14 critically injured in violent clashes that broke out in Haldwani of Uttarakhand on Thursday following the demolition of a madrasa and masjid as part of a drive against illegal structures in the district.

The district administration has imposed a curfew in the district to ensure law and order is maintained. It has also issued 'shoot-at-sight' orders, suspended Internet services, and asked schools in the area to remain shut until further instructions.

District Magistrate Vandana Singh stressed that the violence should not be termed "communal", as it was a "pre-planned and unprovoked act" carried out by anti-social elements.

A local religious leader, however, alleged that there was provocation by the police, adding that as the community had gone to court against the anti-encroachment notice, the demolition should not have been carried out.

The deceased have been identified as Faim Qureshi, Zahid, Mohd Anas, Shabban, and Prakash Kumar.

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Imran-backed Independents lead Pak. polls

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

Independent candidates, mostly backed by jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, on Friday sprung a surprise in Pakistan by winning 92 seats out of the 226 results declared, following unusual delays and allegations of rigging.

While former three-time Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz and Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's Pakistan Peoples Party have won 64 and 50 seats respectively, others have won 20.

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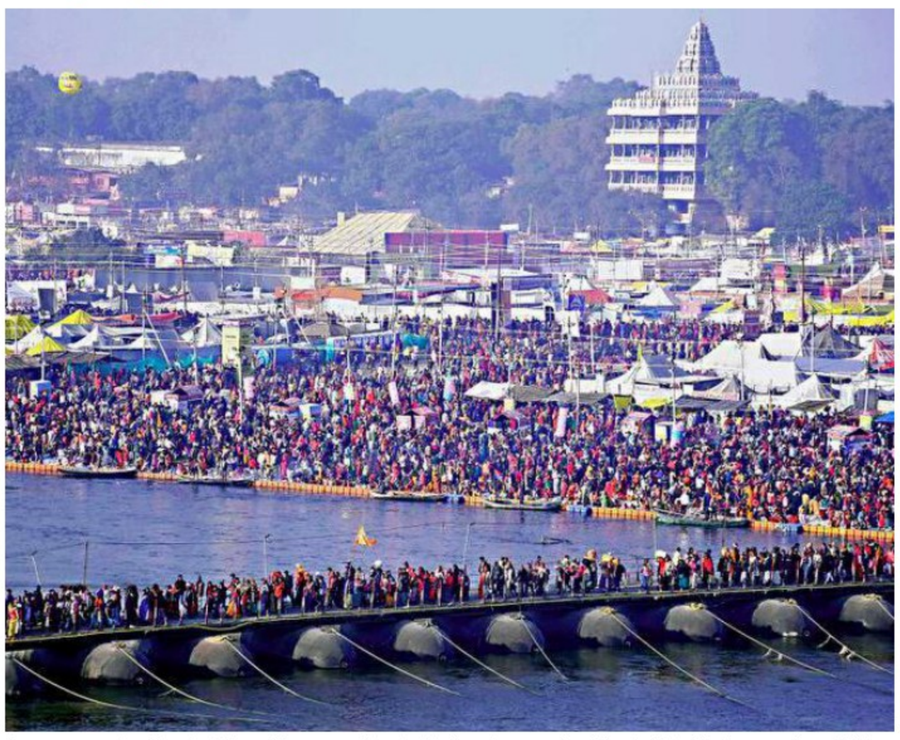
Holy dip



Devotees gather for the 'Mauni Amavasya' bath during the ongoing 'Magh Mela' in Prayagraj on Friday. ANI

Revision panel report yet to be submitted, delay likely in supply of textbooks

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

A delay is likely in the printing and supply of textbooks to schoolchildren in Karnataka for the 2024-25 academic year as the Textbook Revision Committee, headed by Manjunath G. Hegade, is yet to submit its report to the State government.

From the next academic year, steps have been taken to provide two books per year, divided into two parts – (Summative Assessment) SA-1 and SA-2. The Karnataka Text Book Society (KTBS) has to print about 12 crore textbooks. The delay in submission of the textbook revision committee report will delay the printing of textbooks.

In September 2023, the State government appointed the committee to re-examine the textbooks revised by the earlier committee headed by Rohit Chakratheertha in 2022-23. The committee said it would submit a report to the government by the end of January, 2024. However, the committee is yet to submit its report.

Sources in the Department of School Education and Literacy said that the unavailability of the Minister is the main reason for the delay in submission of the report. "The committee has decided to submit the report to the Minister concerned. However, as the Minister is not available in his Bengaluru office for many days, the submission of the report is getting delayed. The Budget session will start on February 12, and the report may be submitted at that time," sources said.

Delay in printing

To reduce the burden of school bags, the State government has decided to divide the textbooks into two parts – SA-1 and SA-2 – from the year 2024-25.

The KTBS has planned to print around 12.79 crore textbooks from classes 1 to 10 with a total of 984 titles. When the textbooks of about 120 pages are divided into SA-1 and SA-2, it is estimated that an additional 8 to 10 pages should be printed for each textbook, including the cover page. During 2023-24, around 6.39 crore text books were printed and supplied out of a total of 562 titles.

Tender rules for textbook printing are strict. Piece tender cannot be given for printing of textbooks. Also, all textbooks should be printed in the same publishing house. The tender process will be finalised after completion of other assessment, including quality of paper used for printing.

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Old vehicle owners face hardship in getting HSRP

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

The deadline for installing the High-Security Registration Plate is February 17. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

As the deadline for getting the High-Security Registration Plate (HSRP) approaches, vehicle owners, particularly those with older vehicles from companies that no longer exist, are confused and facing challenges.

The department issued a notification in August 2023 mandating the installation of HSRP on an estimated two crore vehicles registered before April 1, 2019, setting a November 17, 2023, deadline. However, as very few people installed the HSRP, the department extended the deadline till February 17, 2024.

Harish R. Naik from Rajajinagar, the owner of a 15-year-old bike from a company that no longer exists, is unable to obtain an HSRP. He said, "For the last two months, I have been trying to get the HSRP for my bike. Unfortunately, the brand is not listed on the website (of the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers), and despite my efforts to contact the RTO, the issue remains unresolved."

Anil Kumar, the owner of a minibus in Mandya district, faced difficulty registering for the HSRP number as the website consistently declined his request, indicating that the vehicle number was not registered under the RTO. Expressing his frustration, he said, "I have all the necessary documents, and the vehicle is in good running condition. However, the website displays an error message and instructs me to contact the RTO. Upon reaching out to the RTO, they seemed unaware of the issue I am encountering."

Some vehicle owners are reporting issues where the website fails to recognise their vehicle numbers. Prashanth Swamy, a resident of Seshadripuram, said, "I am unable to book my HSRP as the vehicle registration number is not recognised as Karnataka registered. Despite raising a couple of complaints, there has been no resolution. I also tried with another car registered in Karnataka, and the issue persists with the same error."

Vehicle owners in Kodagu district are upset as they need to travel long distances to have their number plates installed. Residents point out that the issue stems from the absence of authorized shops or dealers in the district permitted to install HSRP.

'Reach out to dealer'

Meanwhile, the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers says companies that are no longer in business and old companies have also been listed on its HSRP website.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mahesh Malhotra, the spokesperson for Rosmerta Technologies, a company involved in the production of HSRP number plates, said, "People should be aware of the manufacturing company's name, and they can get to know about it by reaching out to their dealers for accurate information or contact the nearest RTO offices." Regarding vintage vehicles, Mr. Malhotra said a majority of these vehicles are not utilised for daily road use and are primarily used during vintage rallies.

Meanwhile, a Transport Department official said, "We will look into these issues. However, people can only book for those vehicles whose brand names are displayed on the website. For other brands which are not displayed, we are not authorised to process the HSRP order. They should get in touch with their dealer."

Suburban rail project to be completed by 2027

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A file photo of workers at the construction site of the suburban rail project in Bengaluru.

The government has set December 2027 as the target to complete work on all four corridors of the Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project (BSRP), said Industries Minister M.B. Patil on Friday.

The Minister was speaking to reporters at the signing of the MoU between the Karnataka government and the KfW Development Bank of Germany for funding the BSRP.

The December 2027 timeline contradicts Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initial 40-month deadline for the suburban project of December 2025. During the project's foundation stone laying ceremony in June 2022, Mr. Modi had said, "What has not happened in the past 40 years will be completed in the next 40 months."

The nodal agency for implementing the Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project, K-RIDE, and Luxemburg-based KFW Development Bank inked an MoU on Friday for accommodating funds of ₹4,561 crore (€500 million) for BSRP. N. Manjula, Managing Director, K-RIDE, and Wolf Muth, Country Director, KFW Development Bank, signed and exchanged the documents in the presence of Mr. Patil.

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Why Hamilton turned red out of the blue — and what it means for F1

The idea of the sport's most decorated driver joining its most illustrious team, Ferrari, was once deemed impossible. Which is why the news, which broke when nobody expected it, stunned the world. How will this seismic move, set for 2025, affect the key actors and those around them?

S. Dipak Ragav

Modern-day sport is as much about the off-field goings-on as it is about the on-field action. What happens behind the scenes keeps fans glued, sustaining the sport even when it's not being played.

A popular instance of this phenomenon is the transfer day deadline in European football. The palace intrigue that surrounds where a player might go and for how much fills up social media and animates gatherings, with passionate fans getting their managerial hats on.

The bombshell from nowhere

The recent mid-season window closed on February 1 and a big-news signing dropped, shocking the entire sporting world. Only, it was not a football move but a transfer in another billion-dollar global sport – Formula One.

The bombshell was Lewis Hamilton announcing that he would leave the Mercedes F1 team after 12 years at the end of 2024 and join Scuderia Ferrari on a multi-year deal. One of the biggest driver switches ever, it was deemed noteworthy enough to be discussed on a TV show tracking football transfers that day.

In the past, big-name moves have generated buzz and altered the driver market significantly. But in years to come, this seismic moment could stand out for a few reasons.

For one thing, some of the notable team changes in the past had solid reasons underpinning them.

When Michael Schumacher moved from Benetton to Ferrari in 1996 after winning two world titles, he had outgrown the team in stature and fancied a new challenge: getting Ferrari back to winning ways. Alain Prost left McLaren after falling out with the team when battling Ayrton Senna. Later, Senna left McLaren once it declined competitively, to replace Prost at Williams.

This one, though, feels different because Hamilton had signed a deal only last year to keep him at Mercedes until 2025. We have learnt since then that there was a release option on Hamilton's side to leave the team after 2024, and the seven-time champion chose to activate it, take on a different challenge and fulfil a life-long dream by moving to Ferrari.

> I feel incredibly fortunate, after achieving things with Mercedes that I could only have dreamed of as a kid, that I now have the chance to fulfil another childhood dream. Driving in Ferrari red
>
> **LEWIS HAMILTON**

GETTY IMAGES

While it might not make sense on the face of it, considering the Ferrari is no more competitive than what he currently has, it could be part of a long game. At the end of 2012, Hamilton left the championship-contending McLaren for Mercedes, which had a head-start in the Hybrid Power Unit era that started in 2014. The move has reaped rich dividends, with the Briton winning six world titles.

Has Hamilton seen something from Ferrari that has convinced him that the team is ready to tackle the new engine rules in 2026, or has he seen enough of Mercedes to conclude that it isn't the right place to be? Only time will tell whether he has made the right call.

Winners already

But what is certain is that regardless of whether they triumph on track, Hamilton and Ferrari are already winners. Hamilton will get top dollar for his services at the most famous name in F1; Ferrari has significantly weakened arch-rival Mercedes and put together the best driver pairing for next year, with Hamilton joining Charles Leclerc. Not to mention the boost in sponsorship income Ferrari will receive with the most successful F1 driver of all time in its car.

At the same time, the tie-up is also fraught with risk. The decision to have two 'alphas' in the same garage is a philosophical departure for Ferrari, which prefers a clear No. 1 and No. 2 driver, even if it is not stated explicitly. Though the team might claim Leclerc and Carlos Sainz are given the same tools, it is widely understood Ferrari is built around the former – or was until last week.

It will be intriguing to hear from Leclerc – who signed a multi-year extension just a few weeks ago – about when he learnt of Hamilton's arrival and how he is preparing to square off against one of the greatest drivers in the sport's history.

Conversely, Mercedes now faces a leap into the unknown with this sudden announcement. Its team boss, Toto Wolff, even admitted that he was surprised by the timing of the decision.

Without its north star and with the likes of Leclerc, Max Verstappen (Red Bull) and Lando Norris (McLaren) all locked in for now, the Silver Arrows don't have a lot of options in the driver market.

Granted, in George Russell, Mercedes already has a bonafide star who was tipped to take over as the team leader whenever Hamilton left. But Russell had a poor season in 2023. Can he position himself as the team's future, fully aware the engineers will value his feedback more than the guy who will leave them at the end of the year?

> The timing bit us a bit. But I always like change because change provides you with opportunity. Maybe it's a chance to do something bold
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> **TOTO WOLFF**
> Mercedes team boss

At the same time, the German team has always liked to have the most potent pairing possible, and there isn't a bonafide star on the market, barring Fernando Alonso, who will turn 43 this year.

The Sainz situation

Another big loser in this development is Sainz, the incumbent Ferrari driver, who doesn't have a contract for next year. The Spaniard had hoped to extend his stay at the Scuderia. While he might not be in Verstappen, Leclerc, or Hamilton's class in terms of outright pace over a lap, Sainz is not very far off them and, in the right circumstances, can beat anybody on the grid.

The 29-year-old has a great work ethic and can read a race well. He is also assertive, as he has shown in the past, overruling his team's dubious strategy calls. The two-time race winner could be a perfect fit at Mercedes, who will get a quick driver to pocket points in the constructors' standings and also keep Russell on his toes.

In a media interaction after the Hamilton announcement, Wolff said, "The timing bit us a bit. But I always like change because change provides you with opportunity. Maybe it's a chance to do something bold."

One such bold choice could be Mercedes junior driver, Andrea Kimi Antonelli. The 17-year-old Italian is considered the next big thing and will make his Formula 2 debut this year. He is believed to be so good that he has skipped F3 and will graduate to the level below F1 directly from the Formula Regional championship.

However, when asked about it, Wolff dampened expectations, saying he didn't want to distract the youngster – but he did not rule it out either.

Though nothing has changed for 2024, the news has put the sport at the front and centre of things, giving a much-needed boost to the new season starting in three weeks after the damp squib last year when Verstappen and Red Bull steamrolled the opposition.

What was once thought impossible has happened when people least expected it, and there is palpable excitement about the most decorated driver heading to the most illustrious team on the grid. If Hamilton can get a record eighth world title with the Maranello-based squad, it would be the perfect bookend to one of the most extraordinary careers in the sport.

Keep your friends close and your teammates closer: It will be interesting to see how the gifted Charles Leclerc deals in 2025 with the challenge of battling one of the greatest drivers in the sport's history. GETTY IMAGES

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Novak Djokovic	36	9,855	19
2	Carlos Alcaraz	20	9,255	18
3	Daniil Medvedev	27	8,765	21
4	Jannik Sinner	22	8,310	22
5	Andrey Rublev	26	5,050	24
6	Alexander Zverev	26	5,030	27
7	Holger Rune	20	3,775	24
8	Hubert Hurkacz	26	3,540	24
9	Taylor Fritz	26	3,195	26
10	Stefanos Tsitsipas	25	3,025	24
11	Alex de Minaur	24	2,970	25
12	Casper Ruud	25	2,965	23
13	Grigor Dimitrov	32	2,785	23
14	Frances Tiafoe	26	2,060	22
15	Tommy Paul	26	2,050	26

Top Indians ▸

Sumit Nagal
Rank 121 ▲ No change

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 459 ▲ 2 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	22	9,770	19
2	Aryna Sabalenka	25	8,905	16
3	Coco Gauff	19	7,200	19
4	Jessica Pegula	29	5,705	21
5	Elena Rybakina	24	5,688	18
6	Ons Jabeur	29	4,076	20
7	Qinwen Zheng	21	3,950	22
8	Marketa Vondrousova	24	3,846	16
9	Maria Sakkari	28	3,710	24
10	Karolina Muchova	27	3,520	14
11	Jelena Ostapenko	26	3,473	24
12	Barbora Krejcikova	28	3,081	21
13	Beatriz Haddad Maia	27	2,950	23
14	Daria Kasatkina	26	2,838	25
15	Liudmila Samsonova	25	2,700	24

Top Indians ▸

Ankita Raina
Rank 223 ▲ 5 spots

Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 336 ▼ 1 spot

English Premier League Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Liverpool	23	15	6	2	52	22	30	51
2	Man. City	22	15	4	3	54	25	29	49
3	Arsenal	23	15	4	4	47	22	25	49
4	Aston Villa	23	14	4	5	49	30	19	46
5	Tottenham	23	13	5	5	49	35	14	44
6	Man. United	23	12	2	9	31	32	-1	38
7	West Ham	23	10	6	7	36	36	0	36
8	Brighton	23	9	8	6	42	38	4	35
9	Newcastle	23	10	3	10	48	37	11	33
10	Wolves	23	9	5	9	37	37	0	32
11	Chelsea	23	9	4	10	38	39	-1	31
12	Bournemouth	22	7	6	9	30	41	-11	27
13	Fulham	23	7	5	11	30	38	-8	26
14	Crystal Palace	23	6	6	11	26	40	-14	24
15	Brentford	22	6	4	12	32	39	-7	22
16	N. Forest	23	5	6	12	28	41	-13	21
17	Luton Town	22	5	5	12	32	42	-10	20
18	Everton *	23	8	5	10	26	30	-4	19
19	Burnley	23	3	4	16	24	47	-23	13
20	Sheffield	23	2	4	17	19	59	-40	10

Everton deducted 10 points following a breach of the Premier League's Profitability and Sustainability Rules. The decision is currently under appeal

Italian Serie A Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Inter Milan	22	18	3	1	51	10	41	57
2	Juventus	23	16	5	2	36	14	22	53
3	AC Milan	23	15	4	4	46	27	19	49
4	Atalanta	22	12	3	7	40	22	18	39
5	Roma	23	11	5	7	40	26	14	38
6	Bologna	22	9	9	4	29	22	7	36
7	Napoli	22	10	5	7	32	26	6	35
8	Fiorentina	22	10	4	8	31	25	6	34
9	Lazio	22	10	4	8	25	23	2	34
10	Torino	22	8	8	6	20	19	1	32
11	Genoa	23	7	8	8	24	26	-2	29
12	Monza	23	7	8	8	21	28	-7	29
13	Lecce	23	5	9	9	24	33	-9	24
14	Frosinone	23	6	5	12	31	44	-13	23
15	Sassuolo	22	5	4	13	28	41	-13	19
16	Udinese	23	2	13	8	23	37	-14	19
17	Verona	23	4	6	13	21	32	-11	18
18	Cagliari	23	4	6	13	21	42	-21	18
19	Empoli	23	4	6	13	15	36	-21	18
20	Salernitana	23	2	7	14	19	44	-25	13

Spanish LaLiga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Real Madrid	23	18	4	1	48	15	33	58
2	Girona	23	17	5	1	52	25	27	56
3	Barcelona	23	15	5	3	47	30	17	50
4	Atletico Madrid	23	15	3	5	45	25	20	48
5	Athletic Bilbao	23	13	6	4	42	21	21	45
6	Real Sociedad	23	9	10	4	32	21	11	37
7	Valencia	23	10	5	8	29	27	2	35
8	Real Betis	23	8	11	4	26	25	1	35
9	Las Palmas	23	9	5	9	23	20	3	32
10	Getafe	23	7	9	7	29	31	-2	30
11	Alaves	23	7	5	11	23	30	-7	26
12	Osasuna	23	7	5	11	26	36	-10	26
13	Rayo Vallecano	23	5	9	9	20	30	-10	24
14	Villarreal	23	6	6	11	33	45	-12	24
15	Sevilla	23	4	8	11	29	37	-8	20
16	Celta Vigo	23	4	8	11	24	32	-8	20
17	Real Mallorca	23	3	11	9	19	30	-11	20
18	Cadiz	23	2	11	10	15	31	-16	17
19	Granada	23	2	6	15	23	45	-22	12
20	Almeria	23	0	6	17	22	51	-29	6

German Bundesliga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Bayer Leverkusen	20	16	4	0	52	14	38	52
2	Bayern Munich	20	16	2	2	59	19	40	50
3	Stuttgart	20	13	1	6	46	26	20	40
4	Borussia Dortmund	20	10	7	3	40	26	14	37
5	RB Leipzig	20	11	3	6	44	26	18	36
6	Eintracht Frankfurt	20	8	7	5	30	24	6	31
7	SC Freiburg	20	8	4	8	26	34	-8	28
8	Hoffenheim	20	7	5	8	37	39	-2	26
9	Werder Bremen	20	7	5	8	29	32	-3	26
10	Heidenheim	20	6	6	8	28	35	-7	24
11	Wolfsburg	20	6	5	9	25	32	-7	23
12	FC Augsburg	20	5	7	8	29	37	-8	22
13	M'gladbach	20	5	6	9	36	41	-5	21
14	Bochum	20	4	9	7	22	38	-16	21
15	1. FC Union Berlin	20	5	3	12	19	35	-16	18
16	Cologne	20	3	6	11	14	34	-20	15
17	Mainz	20	1	9	10	15	32	-17	12
18	SV Darmstadt 98	20	2	5	13	22	49	-27	11

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Kane Williamson	864	919
2	Steve Smith	818	947
3	Joe Root	797	923
4	Daryl Mitchell	786	804
5	Babar Azam	768	882
6	Usman Khawaja	765	847
7	Virat Kohli	760	937
8	Harry Brook	758	773
9	Dimuth Karunaratne	750	783
10	Marnus Labuschagne	746	937

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Jasprit Bumrah	881	881
2	Kagiso Rabada	851	902
3	R. Ashwin	841	904
4	Pat Cummins	828	914
5	Josh Hazlewood	818	864
6	Prabath Jayasuriya	783	783
7	James Anderson	780	903
8	Nathan Lyon	746	799
8	Ollie Robinson	746	820
8	Ravindra Jadeja	746	899

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	824	898
2	Shubman Gill	801	847
3	Virat Kohli	768	909
4	Rohit Sharma	746	882
5	Daryl Mitchell	728	750
6	Harry Tector	723	729
6	David Warner	723	869
8	Dawid Malan	707	730
9	Rassie van der Dussen	701	796
10	Heinrich Klaasen	697	757

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Keshav Maharaj	716	741
2	Josh Hazlewood	688	727
3	Adam Zampa	686	695
4	Mohammed Siraj	678	736
5	Rashid Khan	667	799
6	Jasprit Bumrah	665	838
7	Shaheen Afridi	650	688
8	Maheesh Theekshana	648	648
8	Mohammad Nabi	648	657
10	Kuldeep Yadav	645	760

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Suryakumar Yadav	861	910
2	Philip Salt	802	802
3	Mohammad Rizwan	800	875
4	Babar Azam	764	896
5	Aiden Markram	755	796
6	Yashasvi Jaiswal	714	739
7	Finn Allen	706	723
8	Rilee Rossouw	689	724
9	Jos Buttler	680	687
10	Reeza Hendricks	660	674

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Adil Rashid	726	746
2	Akeal Hosein	683	683
3	Maheesh Theekshana	679	684
4	Wanindu Hasaranga	676	797
5	Axar Patel	660	667
6	Ravi Bishnoi	659	699
7	Tabraiz Shamsi	654	821
8	Rashid Khan	651	816
9	Mitchell Santner	650	724
10	Reece Topley	643	662

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Revision panel report yet to be submitted

It takes at least 90 to 120 days to print such a large volume of text books. So, the department would finalise the tender process by the end of February and start the printing in March to ensure that the textbooks reach the children by June. Last year, the department had supplied textbooks to all schools by the end of May.

Prof. Hegade, Chairman, Textbook Revision Committee, told *The Hindu*, "Due to various reasons, submission of the textbook revision committee report has been slightly delayed. The report is ready, and will be submitted to the government next week."

An official of KTBS said, "After the committee submits its report to the government, the report will be examined at the government level. The government then puts the report in the public domain and sets aside 15 days for submission of objections from the public. Then, this report should be approved at the government level, and approval for printing of text books should be given. All these processes should be completed by the end of March at least. Only after this, the KTBS should call for tender and issue the work order for printing of text books. This time SA-1 and S-2 textbooks have to be printed. So, at least four months are required to print. So, the availability of textbooks is doubtful even by July."

Suburban rail project to be completed by 2027

As per the agreement, KFW would provide ₹4,561 Crore at 4% interest for 20 years.

"This is the supplementary agreement between Germany's KfW and KRIDE (Rail Infrastructure Development Company-Karnataka) followed by the primary agreement between the Department of Economic Affairs, Government of India, and KfW for the disbursal of ₹4,561 crore, which took place on December 15, 2023. This loan of ₹4561 crore is aimed at addressing critical infrastructure needs for the works of Corridor-3 (Kengeri to Whitefield) Station & Viaduct, Corridor-4 (Heelalige to Rajanukunte) Station work, Depot-1 (Devanahalli), S&T Signal & Telecom), PSD Platform Screen Door), AFC (Automatic Fare Collection), Solar Panel and Security Equipment, MMI (Man Machine Interface)," Mr. Patil explained.

BSRP, sanctioned through the Ministry of Railways for a project cost of ₹15,767 crore, aims to develop a suburban railway network of 148 Km with 58 stations along 4 corridors. The project is funded through the equity contribution of the Karnataka government, the Ministry of Railways and external borrowing in the ratio of 20:20:60.

INBRIEF

Delegation from Hebrew University in Bengaluru

A delegation from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem that visited the city explored joint research possibilities, interdisciplinary collaborations, student and faculty exchange options, knowledge and expertise exchange across academic disciplines with many Indian universities to address emerging global challenges in the field of education and research.

"We believe that by working together, we can create meaningful opportunities for students and faculty from both Israel and India," said Oron Shagrir, vice-president for International Affairs, at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and also head of the delegation.

Polio vaccination in March

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a bid to spread awareness among citizens to administer polio drops to children in BBMP East Zone, Zonal Commissioner (East), Snehal said a polio drops programme would be conducted from March 3 to 6 for children under the age of five.

Timings
BENGALURU

SATURDAY, FEB. 10	
RISE 06:44	SET 18:24
RISE 07:03	SET 18:57
SUNDAY, FEB. 11	
RISE 06:44	SET 18:24
RISE 07:52	SET 19:58
MONDAY, FEB. 12	
RISE 06:43	SET 18:24
RISE 08:37	SET 20:56

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	33	23
Mysuru	34	21
Bengaluru	33	18

Bengaluru Today
34°C A dry weather to prevail. Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be warm. Night also will be cool and hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
33°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be warm. Night will be slight cool and hazy.

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Petitions questioning BBMP's notices seeking additional property tax flood HC

Court restrains BBMP from taking precipitative action during pendency of litigation; orders for joint inspection of properties in presence of owners

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A large number of property owners are knocking on the doors of the High Court of Karnataka every day challenging the notices issued by the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), which has demanded payment of additional property tax with penalty and interest by claiming that several owners have underpaid property tax by not declaring details of their properties in the Self Assessment Scheme (SAS) of payment of annual property tax since 2016-17.

In majority of the petitions, the Court has already restrained the BBMP from taking any coercive or precipitative steps against the petitioner-owners of the properties till next date of hearing or further orders by imposing certain conditions on the petitioners. In some cases the court has also directed the BBMP to de-seal the properties with conditions on petitioner-property owners.

Joint inspection
In several petitions, the Court has directed the BBMP to jointly inspect the properties along with the owners or authorised representatives of the petitioner-property owners is that either no show cause notice was issued to them prior to issuing demand notices or that the "so called" inspection by the BBMP officials for assessment/re-assessment was carried out in the absence of petitioners.

"The BBMP is to prepare a report after eliciting all necessary facts that would constitute ground for reopening self-assessment...," Justice S. Sunil Dutt Yadv has ordered in many petitions.

Variance
Another grievance is that measurement of property done by the BBMP is at variance as declared by the petitioners in their SAS returns and the re-assessment made by the BBMP are grossly erroneous.

'Wrong assesment'
In some petitions, it has been alleged that the BBMP has treated certain portions of the properties as rented way back from 2016-17 even though properties had either remained vacant or not rented out and more particularly during COVID-19 lockdown.

Such a wrong assessment was either due to not actually carrying out inspection of the properties by the officials or due to assumption based on the present declaration of nature of the use, the petitioners have contended.

Some of the petitioners have also questioned the legality of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by the Chief Commissioner of the BBMP for assessment, recovery and management of property tax and property card and they have contended that what has been prescribed can be done only by framing the rules and not through an SOP.

'Information on housing scheme for civic workers false'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has released a statement addressing false information being circulated by miscreants to dupe pourakarmikas.

The civic body said false information is being spread that civic workers will be given homes at subsidised rates to dupe them. The BBMP said the civic body does not have a housing scheme for pourakarmikas and the information is false.

The officials advised the workers not to be allured by this and avoid making any payment to the fraudsters. The statement also said no official notification or order was issued about such a scheme.

School performance hit by poor eye health in exam season, say doctors

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With the exam season approaching, prolonged study hours, in addition to lack of adequate sleep and outdoor activities, has resulted in undue stress on students. This is taking a toll on visual attention, concentration, and focus beyond refractive errors, according to ophthalmologists.

Doctors at Narayana Nethralaya, who said 30% of children presenting with vision problems during exams have focussing issues, said a range of problems related to sight including pseudomyopia and an increase in myopia, can significantly impact a child's exam performance.

10th grade or PU
Addressing presspersons here on Friday, hospital chairman Rohit Shetty said over 50% of patients with these eye issues are in the 10th grade or PU or are preparing for competitive exams. "Unfortunately, 95% of focusing issues or binocular vision anomalies are not diagnosed during routine eye examinations. When left unnoticed, these issues can lead to symptoms such as eye strain, fatigue, poor concentration, frequent headaches, double vision, and blurred vision," he said.

In addition to these issues, excessive screen time (for reading online study material) can lead to dry eyes, progression of myopia, and disturbed sleep. "These eye symptoms are often misinterpreted by parents or teachers as disinterest in studies, leading to a lack of confidence and feeling of overburden in children," he said.

Jyoti Matalia, Consultant, Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismology at the hospital's Bommasandra branch, said traditional eye check examinations usually focus on identifying problems of distant vision only.

"Thus, the crucial diagnosis of eye problems that require a detailed orthoptic evaluation is missed out. This evaluation ensures tailored treatment that includes glasses, targeted eye exercises, and in rare cases, surgery," she said.

"A child may have perfect vision when reading a chart but still complain of headaches or double vision, indicating that their eye muscles are strained and require a thorough eye examination. Children should maintain good visual hygiene, which includes following simple measures for eye health," she added.

Tips for students on maintaining good eye health

- Maintain a good reading distance (14-16 inches for a book)
- Avoid using small devices like mobile phones for online study material
- Follow the 20-20-20 rule for taking frequent breaks
- During breaks, avoid using mobile phones or watching television
- Practise meditation to rest your eyes and improve concentration
- Maintain a healthy diet
- Ensure sufficient sleep
- Get regular eye checks done

Minor girl found murdered, family stages protest

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 14-year-old girl who went missing three days ago was found dead on Thursday on the outskirts of Banarahalli near Hosakote.

The girl was a native of Dommalur village in Kolar district. Her parents have registered a complaint at the Anugondanahalli police station alleging that their daughter was murdered after she refused a proposal from a man.

The girl's body was found inside the bushes when shepherds were grazing sheep in the area. According to the FIR, Nitin, a resident of Baraguru village, used to harass her.

Around 20 days ago, he stopped the girl on her way to school and proposed to her. The accused got angry after she rejected his proposal. He started stalking her when she went to school, the parents alleged. Nitin allegedly assaulted the girl after she threatened to complain. Later, he was accused of kidnapping after the girl's parents registered a complaint.

The murder came to light after shepherds noticed the body and informed the police. The girl's parents staged a protest demanding the immediate arrest of the accused.

Petition to stop construction of proposed 10-storey building inside Cubbon Park

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Green enthusiasts in Bengaluru have started a petition demanding that the proposed construction of a 10-storey building inside Cubbon Park be stopped. This move comes after the Public Works Department (PWD) proposed reviving an earlier project to build an annex to the High Court, in Cubbon Park.

Back in 2019, Heritage Beku started a petition against the project.

The petition had garnered over 22,000 signatures, and there was no development on the project after that. This time too, Heritage Beku has started a petition to stop the same project.

Despite HC order
"This project has been proposed despite a very clear High Court order, and the Parks and Preservations Act 1975, which does not allow any fresh construction in the park.

Horticulture Department officials at Cubbon Park seem to be unaware of the proposal," according to the latest petition, which has already been signed by over 300 persons.

Apart from the petition, S. Umesh Kumar, president, Cubbon Park Walkers' Association, said, "The association strongly opposes the approval granted by the Karnataka government to construct a 10-storey building as an annex to the High Court within the Cubbon Park.

The building, besides encroaching on the park, will lead to an increase in both human and vehicular traffic. We urge the government to immediately rescind the order," he said.

However, Horticulture Department officials said there was no decision about the annex's construction.

"There is a proposal from the PWD to construct an annex to the High Court, somewhere near the Press Club. But it is not decided if the construction should happen atop an already existing structure, next to the High Court or another place entirely. It is still under discussion," said D.S. Ramesh, Director, Horticulture Department.

He added that although there was an administrative approval for the project, newer revisions, which are made now, are still being checked by the officials concerned.

The Cubbon Park Walkers Association has organised a protest against the government's approval to construct the annex, on February 11, at 11 a.m. near the Central Library

Man gets friend's help to kill wife, arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Mahalakshmi Layout police on Friday arrested a 44-year-old cloth merchant who allegedly paid his friend to murder his wife, suspecting her fidelity and later hung her body from the ceiling to make it look like suicide.

According to the police, the deceased, Prema alias Pushpalatha, 33, was working as a housekeeping staff at a private company and was away from home for work most of the time. This led Shivashankar to suspect her and even installed a CCTV camera at home to check on her.

The couple used to have frequent fights after Shivashankar accused her of having illicit affairs and decided to eliminate her. He roped in his friend Vinay and offered him ₹3 lakh to kill her and gave an advance amount of ₹40,000. Shivashankar disconnected the CCTV camera at home. Vinay walked into the house when Prema was alone and strangled her to death before hanging her body on the ventilator of the house and escaping.

Shivashankar had created an alibi and went out of the city on the pretext of a business trip. The police initially registered a case of suspicious death based on circumstantial evidence, even though Shivashankar claimed his wife committed suicide. However, the post-mortem report confirmed the murder.

The police tracked down Vinay, who confessed to the murder. The probe revealed that Vinay was earlier booked for killing his wife, suspecting her character, and was arrested. He was out on bail.

NSRCEL at IIM-Bengaluru incubating over 100 social impact ventures

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

While earlier, entrepreneurs encountered challenges, start-up incubator NSRCEL at IIM-Bengaluru has to date incubated over 100 social impact ventures, ranging from transforming coconut leaves into straws to enhancing educational outcomes of students in rural Karnataka. Saji Varghese, founder of Sunbird Straws, the world's first premium multi-layered drinking straws made from dried coconut and pandanus leaves who has been supported by NSRCEL's Impact Orbit programme has been manufacturing straws that are entirely biodegradable and eco-friendly.

Mr. Varghese, a professor in a private college, said, "Every year, a coconut tree naturally sheds up to six leaves, and the disposal of these leaves poses a challenge, leading to their burning. In 2017, I resolved to develop an environmentally friendly product utilising coconut leaves."

"Fully biodegradable, these straws can be utilised in any beverage for a duration of up to three hours," he said, adding that the average selling price of a straw is ₹1.50 and so far, the company has replaced three million plastic straws by selling it to the hospitality sector.

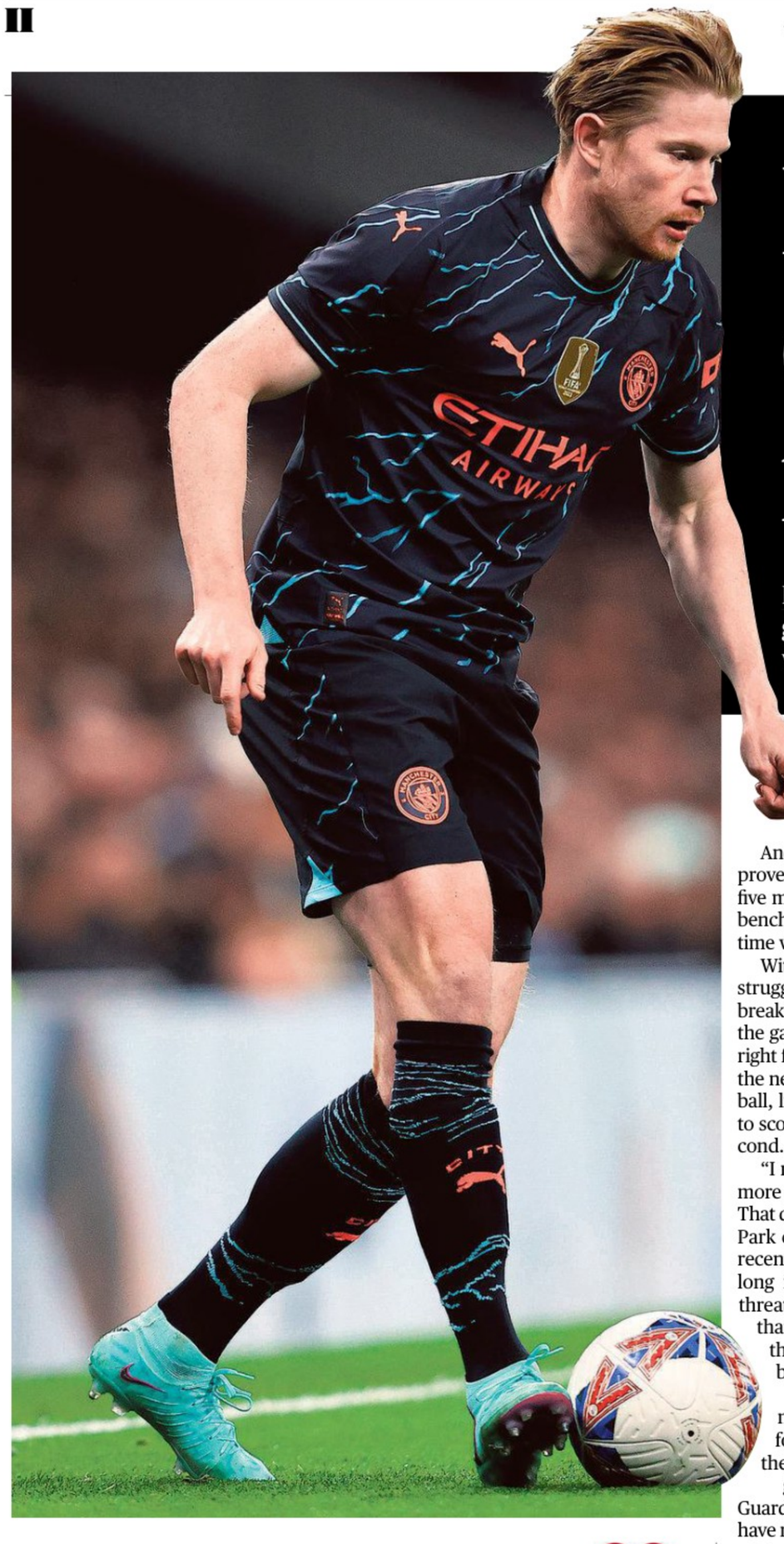
The NSRCEL has also been incubating a non-profit organisation 'Sitara Akka' which has been founded by a group of young volunteers to help rural children with quality vernacular education easily available at every child's fingertips.

Shriya Shankar, one of the founders of Sitara Akka, said, "I used to visit an orphanage close to my residence to teach students there. During my visit, I recognsed that despite my limited knowledge, I could make a positive impact on these students' academics."

"At present, we are reaching children's homes across all 31 districts of Karnataka, catering to 10th graders.

"Our team of mentors, who can enroll with us, assist children by employing "Kanglish," a method where we explain concepts in Kannada while writing in English to overcome the language barrier. Leveraging platforms like WhatsApp and YouTube, our YouTube series initiated in January 2021 has successfully reached learners from diverse regions of the state," she explained.

For the past four years, Sitara Akka team has been delivering accessible and inclusive education to 32,000 children via YouTube with the assistance of 150 volunteers, reaching an additional 4,500 children through WhatsApp.



Recharged De Bruyne energises Man City's four-peat bid

Even in such an expensively assembled squad of world-class talent, the 32-year-old Belgian's game-changing genius stands out. The Sky Blues looked a lesser power when he was out injured. With De Bruyne back, City has what it takes to win a fourth straight Premier League title

Reuters
Associated Press

When Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp was asked early this year if his side was the favourite to win the Premier League this season, the German spoke about how tight it was at the top. He talked up the qualities of the contenders, building to a punchline about the most dominant team in England football's recent history – a side that has so often thwarted the Reds, Manchester City. "Kevin De Bruyne is warming up," Klopp said. "The whole country is starting to shake."

The line was delivered with humour, but many a true word is spoken in jest. De Bruyne had been sidelined after aggravating a hamstring injury during City's Premier League opener in August. It was the same problem that forced the 32-year-old to be substituted during the Champions League final win against Inter Milan last June.

> Kevin helps to win games and there are few [like him] in the world
>
> **PEP GUARDIOLA**
> Manchester City manager

Desperately seeking Kevin

Without De Bruyne – he missed 27 games across competitions – City looked beatable. The depth and quality of the squad ensured there were no major alarms, but it was clear that the reigning champion needed him back as the season entered its most hectic, decisive phase.

And it took De Bruyne less than five minutes to prove his value and the truth in Klopp's words – five months after having surgery, he came off the bench to score the equaliser and set up an injury-time winner at Newcastle.

With City trailing 2-1 and Pep Guardiola's team struggling to find the bit of quality needed to break down the host's defence, De Bruyne turned the game around with two perfect touches of his right foot. A pinpoint side-footed finish just inside the near post was the first. A supremely weighted ball, lifted into the box for substitute Oscar Bobb to score his first Premier League goal, was the second. It seemed as if he had never been away.

"I missed this," De Bruyne said. "I think it was more willpower than anything else. It was crazy." That display of game-changing genius at St. James' Park came in the second week of January. More recently, making a second straight start after the long injury layoff on Monday, De Bruyne was threatening against a well-drilled Brentford side that had taken the lead. Phil Foden cornered the limelight for his hat-trick in the 3-1 victory, but De Bruyne was City's agent of chaos.

It was his dangerous cross that Ethan Pinnock headed straight into the path of Foden for the equaliser. An inch-precise delivery then picked out Foden's head for the second goal, illustrating the Belgian's impact. As Guardiola said, "When Kevin has the ball and we have runners, Kevin is unique in the world. He is a really important player for us, not only in the past but in the present."

While there continue to be questions about the legitimacy of City's success – the club's spending since Sheikh Mansour's takeover in 2008 has repeatedly come under scrutiny, with the club facing 115 Premier League charges for alleged breaches of financial regulations – there is no denying De Bruyne's unique gifts as a footballer.

Point of difference

Even in an expensively assembled squad – City has some of the world's most intelligent, versatile, technically gifted players – De Bruyne offers an undeniable point of difference.

Guardiola has often spoken about the difference between players who "help you play better" and those "who win games". The first category of players is central to establishing control whereas the second puts opposition teams away. "Kevin helps to win games and there are few [like him] in the world," said Guardiola. "We can play good football-wise but Kevin, [Erling] Haaland, Phil [Foden], Julian [Alvarez] – these guys win games."

GETTY IMAGES

De Bruyne's ability to create situations that lead to goals is one of his super powers. According to football statistics site fbref.com, he is in the top 1% of midfielders in terms of shot creating actions, expected assists and assists, over the last year.

"I think there's only certain players, the likes of Messi and Ronaldo, that you can say are in the same bracket as Kevin," said City defender Kyle Walker.

"When he came on against Newcastle, you could feel that push, you could feel that energy and that excitement. He gives you a lift. Kevin is at his best when he's on the ball playing passes that you don't think are even visible to play."

It's this vision – as well as the technical ability to hit a variety of perfectly weighted passes – that has helped De Bruyne become one of the Premier League's leading providers of assists. In his first start this season after the injury, against Burnley, De Bruyne's sublime disguised free-kick pass to Julian Alvarez brought up his 104th assist in the competition's history. It moved him into outright third place in the Premier League's all-time assists charts.

What's more, De Bruyne's 105 assists (he added another against Brentford) have come in just 246 games, a better rate than the man he passed (Wayne Rooney, 103 in 491) as well as those above him: Ryan Giggs (162 in 632) and Cesc Fabregas (111 in 350).

De Bruyne's running power and ball-striking are two of his other super powers – these translate directly into advancing the ball and putting it in the back of the net. As per fbref.com, he features in the top 3% of midfielders for progressive carries and the top 1% for non-penalty goals. At his best, De Bruyne is an unstoppable source of goals. It's no surprise that he has featured in five triumphant Premier League campaigns as well as City's maiden Champions League victory.

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>
> **KYLE WALKER**
> Manchester City defender

Protect the king

Goalkeeper Ederson described De Bruyne as the team's "king". "It's just like chess – you have to protect the king! Now we have our 'king' back," said Ederson. "He's a player that our team missed a lot because he has such ability – he finds passes that very few players can find, he gets assists, scores goals, plays good football, he keeps the ball, so I'm very happy that he's back and that he has returned to his high level."

De Bruyne used the injury-enforced layoff to refresh himself mentally and allow the body to repair the wear and tear. "It's not like I needed a break but I took it, to turn a disadvantage into an advantage," he said. "When I reflect on my career, playing the last 10 years non-stop with a short break, maybe it was good for me to reset a little bit in a way and take care of myself when it is not really possible during the year. I hoped I could work hard and come back in a good way."

With De Bruyne back, City has moved to second place, above Arsenal on goal difference, and two points behind leader Liverpool with a game in hand. "We are where we need to be," said De Bruyne. Maybe "the whole country" isn't shaking but those certainly are words that will cause City's title rivals several sleepless nights.

GAME THEORY

Age just a number for some folk

James Anderson was 41 years and 187 days old at the start of the second Test against India at Visakhapatnam. If he continues performing in the manner that he is, the England swing bowler will enter the list of the oldest Test cricketers in the last 50 years (since 1974). The 10 oldest players of all time were of even more advanced age: all played their final Test well after their 46th birthday.

OLDEST TEST PLAYERS (ALL TIME)

Player	Age	Team	Opposition	Ground	Match Start Date
Wilfred Rhodes	**52y 165d**	England	West Indies	Kingston	3 Apr 1930
Bert Ironmonger	**50y 327d**	Australia	England	Sydney	23 Feb 1933
W.G. Grace	**50y 320d**	England	Australia	Nottingham	1 Jun 1899
George Gunn	**50y 303d**	England	West Indies	Kingston	3 Apr 1930
James Southerton	**49y 139d**	England	Australia	Melbourne	31 Mar 1877
Miran Bakhsh	**47y 301d**	Pakistan	India	Peshawar	12 Feb 1955
Jack Hobbs	**47y 249d**	England	Australia	The Oval	16 Aug 1930
Frank Woolley	**47y 87d**	England	Australia	The Oval	18 Aug 1934
Don Blackie	**46y 309d**	Australia	England	Adelaide	1 Feb 1929
Bert Strudwick	**46y 202d**	England	Australia	The Oval	14 Aug 1926

Wilfred Rhodes

Age at the end of the player's final match

John Traicos

Age at the end of the player's final match

OLDEST TEST PLAYERS (IN THE LAST 50 YEARS; SINCE 1974)

Player	Age	Team	Opposition	Ground	Match Start Date
John Traicos	**45y 304d**	Zim	India	Delhi	13 Mar 1993
Brian Close	**45y 140d**	England	West Indies	Manchester	8 Jul 1976
Misbah-ul-Haq	**42y 351d**	Pakistan	West Indies	Roseau	10 May 2017
John Emburey	**42y 344d**	England	West Indies	Manchester	27 Jul 1995
Bob Taylor	**42y 251d**	England	Pakistan	Lahore	19 Mar 1984
Bob Simpson	**42y 89d**	Australia	West Indies	Kingston	28 Apr 1978
Somachandra De Silva	**42y 78d**	Sri Lanka	England	Lord's	23 Aug 1984
Fred Titmus	**42y 67d**	England	Australia	Adelaide	25 Jan 1975
Colin Cowdrey	**42y 51d**	England	Australia	Melbourne	8 Feb 1975

MOST TEST WICKETS AFTER TURNING 40

Player	Tests	Wickets	Average	Strike-rate	5-fors
Clarrie Grimmett (Aus)	16	**96**	21.11	68.4	10
Bert Ironmonger (Aus)	14	**74**	17.97	63.4	4
Sydney Barnes (Eng)	4	**49**	10.93	27.6	7
Tich Freeman (Eng)	6	**44**	19.29	44.7	5
Lance Gibbs (WI)	13	**44**	29.90	94.0	3
James Anderson (Eng)	12	**38**	25.92	61.8	0

James Anderson

SOURCE: ESPNCRICINFO

PICTURE THIS

Hover style

Switzerland's Mathilde Gremaud competes in the women's ski slopestyle final at the Winter X Games 2024 in Aspen, Colorado, recently.

The X Games are a series of extreme sports events founded by ESPN, with the first winter version being held at the Snow Summit ski resort in Big Bear Lake, California, in 1997.

The annual competition typically has day and evening events, which include skiing, snowboarding and snowmobiling. Since 2002, the Winter X Games have been staged at Aspen's Buttermilk Mountain, which is considered one of the best mountains for beginners but has enough to challenge top athletes.

In slopestyle, which reportedly has its roots in action sports such as skateboarding and BMX, competitors ski (or snowboard) down a course which has a range of obstacles.

The athletes perform tricks — spins, grinds, grabs and flips — and are judged on amplitude (height of jumps), degree of difficulty, execution, variety, originality, flow (combinations) and style. Slopestyle is a freestyle discipline, much like moguls, aerials, cross, big air and half-pipe.

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Hoteliers request Election Commission to reconsider four-day liquor ban

With the dry days coinciding with Valentine's Day, hoteliers say they will face losses

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Hoteliers Association (BBHA) on Friday wrote a letter to the Election Commisiion to reconsider the four-day ban on liquor between February 14 and February 20 on account of Teachers' Constituency byelection.

With the dry days coinciding with Valentine's Day on February 14, hoteliers said that they will face losses as they have already made all the preparations.

A temporary ban on the sale of liquor has been imposed on account of Teachers' Constituency byelection. FILE PHOTO

A temporary ban on sale of liquor has been imposed from 5 p.m. on February 14 to midnight 12 a.m. on February 16 and from 6 a.m. to 12 a.m. on February 20.

"Four days of closure will result in loss of business to the tune of over ₹450 crore. The government will also lose about ₹240 crore in excise duty. The license fee for those four days will lead to losses of about ₹12,000 per licensee.

"This will also cause trouble to manage other costs like rent, salaries," said P.C. Rao, president, BBHA, in the letter.

He added, "The decision to ban liquor sale for four days for the sake of election in one constituency where there are a mere 16,000 votes should be reconsidered for these reasons."

Partial cancellation of Namma Metro service tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has announced maintenance works on the Purple Line between Trinity and M.G Road Metro stations on February 11.

To accommodate these essential maintenance activities, metro train services on the Purple Line will be curtailed for a two-hour period from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. between M.G Road and Indiranagar metro stations.

During this temporary disruption, trains will operate only between M.G Road and Challaghatta, as well as between Indiranagar and Whitefield (Kadugodi) starting from 7 a.m. Commuters are advised to plan their journeys accordingly, considering the limited service during these hours.

Service resumes

After 9 a.m., normal services on the entire Purple Line, from Whitefield (Kadugodi) to Challaghatta metro stations, will resume according to the regular schedule.

Meanwhile, on the Green Line, between Peenya Industry and Nagasandra, services will commence as usual at 7 a.m. from all terminal stations, ensuring minimal disruption to the daily commute for passengers.

DGP Pratap Reddy applies for VRS

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

C.H. Pratap Reddy. FILE PHOTO

Director-General of Police C.H. Pratap Reddy, presently heading Internal Security Division, has applied for voluntary retirement (VRS) . He was due to retire in the end of May this year .

Though Mr. Reddy cited personal reasons with a request to relieve him by April, there is speculation in the department that he was having differences with a senior officer, which could be one of the reasons behind his move.

A.B. Tech graduate and 1991 batch officer, Mr. Reddy was known for his technical skills and expertise in cyber security.

He served in many important positions, including as Director and Advisor on cyber security at the-NASSCOM, Additional Director General of Police (law and order), and Bengaluru city police commissioner.

He also served in the Central Bureau of Investigation and was awarded the Chief Minister's Medal for Meritorious Service in 1994 and President's Medal for distinguished service.

Cabinet approves setting up of Regional Driving Training Centre for women at Bidadi

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State Cabinet on Thursday approved the establishment of a Regional Driving Training Centre for women in Bidadi of Ramanagara district.

The Transport Department is planning to set up the regional driving training centre at an estimated cost of ₹10.50 crore in collaboration with the Association of Women Entrepreneurs of Karnataka (AWAKE), Bengaluru. Out of the ₹10.50 crores, around ₹5 crore will be invested from the State government and the rest of the amount will be from the Union government.

The Transport Department is planning to establish the regional driving training centre at an estimated cost of ₹10.50 crore in collaboration with AWAKE. FILE PHOTO

During the 15th Finance Commission, the union government was asked to submit a proposal regarding Institute of Driving Training & Research, Regional Driving Centre and Driving Training Centre.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Ramalinga Reddy, Minister of Transport, said, "In order to encourage women into the field of driving, steps have been taken to start a separate driving training centre for women at Bidadi. Women who are interested in driving heavy vehicles will be given training and licence. A stipend will also be provided during training. The training centre will start within a year."

"In terms of road safety and accident control there is a need to train drivers and improve the quality of drivers and for this it is important to establish and maintain well-equipped driving training centres," he added.

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SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Tender under two cover bid system on Turnkey basis is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Agencies, Individual Firms, Company, Public Sector Undertakings having registration as mentioned below & have got adequate financial resources, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & past experience for the following work of Design Construction Testing & Commissioning for Implementation of 45 MLD External Water Supply Scheme to proposed Industrial Node in Dharwad Taluk & District Including Operation & Maintenance for 5 Years on Turnkey Basis.

The Last date for submission of bids is: **19.02.2024 upto 04:30 pm**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/3525/Zen/2023-24 Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru

NIMHANS bags WHO Nelson Mandela award

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has conferred National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru, the country's premier mental health institution, with the Nelson Mandela award for Health Promotion for 2024.

The Nelson Mandela award for Health Promotion, established by WHO in 2019, recognises individuals, institutions and/or governmental or non-governmental organisations that have demonstrated remarkable contributions to health promotion.

This year, the award has been jointly presented to Professor Bontle Mbongwe of Botswana and NIMHANS.

An official statement from NIMHANS said the award is a testament to institute's dedication and outstanding contributions to promoting mental health and well-being.

This accolade arrives as NIMHANS celebrates 50 years of its formation and the 70th anniversary of its precursor, the All India Institute of Mental Health (AIIMH). "We are immensely proud to receive the prestigious Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion at this juncture of our institutional journey," said NIMHANS director Pratima Murthy.

"This award reinforces our resolve to continue our mission of promoting mental health and well-being - making a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve," she added.

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Re-floating of Request for Proposal (RFPs) for Selection of Vendors for Supply of Tool Kits under PM Vishwakarma Scheme

NSIC invites online bids on CPP Portal from the eligible bidders against the RFPs stated in title above, which are re-floated on 08.02.2024 & 09.02.2024 on CPP Portal.

The details of RFPs are available under the web link https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app or https://nsic.co.in/tender/Current-Tenders

Last date & time for submission of proposals is 22.02.2024 by 11:00 hours.

It is also brought to the notice that RFPs under PM Vishwakarma Scheme published on 15th & 16th December 2023 have been cancelled. Bidders who have already submitted their bids against the earlier RFPs may treat it cancelled and are to submit fresh proposals.

Any further announcement/corrigendum regarding PM Vishwakarma Scheme will be made on above two web links.

BUSINESS CONNECT

A Business Initiative

Prescription For Change – A CSR Initiative by M/s Meyer Organics Pvt Ltd & 92.7 BIG FM

Prescription For Change is an unique initiative undertaken by Big FM 92.7 in collaboration with M/s Meyer Organics Pvt Ltd and in association with KDPMA to create awareness amongst masses about the harmful effects of using the expired medicines and the mechanism to segregate the expired medicines for a safe disposal in a scientific manner. In the virtual presence of Shri. Dinesh Gundu Rao, Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare, GOK, the unveiling of the QR Code for Prescription For Change was done on his behalf by Shri. D Randeep (Commissioner - Health and Family Welfare Services, GOK. Shri . Dinesh Gundu Rao messaged about the harmful effects of expired medicines and sincerely requested one & all to understand how one should dispose expired / unused medicines. He requested all to scan this QR code and be a part of this campaign and CSR initiative has the complete support from our Government. The other dignitaries Mr. Sunil Kumaran (COO, BIG FM), Mrs. Uma Kalekar (Director - Meyer Organics Private Limited), Mr. Manoj Palrecha (President - Karnataka Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Manufacturers' Association and Managing Director - Lake Chemicals Pvt Ltd) and Mr. Anjan Roy (Chairman - Karnataka Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Manufacturers Association and Director - Ray Life Sciences Pvt Ltd) also spoke about the Prescription for Change initiative.

Sri Satish Krishna Sail assumes Office as Chairman of Karnataka State Marketing Communication and Advertising Limited (KSMCA)

Sri Satish Krishna Sail, Hon'ble MLA, Karwar Assembly Constituency, assumes Office as the 29th Chairman of KSMCA, the only State Govt. owned enterprise in the field of advertising in the country. Sri Siddalingappa B. Pujari, MD, KSMCA and senior officers of the Company were present on the occasion. Speaking to the representatives of the Media he expressed gratitude to the GOK for appointing him as chairman to such a prestigious institution. He also said that he would give assurance of capably carrying out the responsibility of ensuring comprehensive progress of the company entrusted to him by the State Government. He informed that his vision and aim was to ensure support of Govt. for all round growth of the company in a timely manner and would work in an honest and transparent manner regarding this. Regarding the issues for development of the Company, he said that he would be discussing them with the officers and staff of the Company as well as the clients and take consensual approach and also ensure that he would engage himself in works that would benefit the society. The programme was attended by prominent leaders of Karwar Ankola assembly constituency, party workers and well wishers.

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Office of the Chief Engineer & Chief General Manager (Tech), BSWML,
1st Floor, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 052

No:CE&CGM(Tech)/BSWML/TEND/07/2023-24 Date:09.02.2024

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFT) Short Term Bid Notification (Only through GOK KPP Portal Only)

1. The BBMP in its approved budget of 2023-24, has approved to transfer the grants to BSWML in respect of **Solid Waste Management works to BSWML**. Accordingly, in the Board meeting of BSWML the action plan for works to be taken up for the said grants has been approved. Further, few works are approved to be taken up under discretionary grant of administrator, BBMP. In this regard The Chief Engineer & Chief General Manager (Tech), Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited on behalf of the Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru invites bids from eligible bidders for the works detailed in the table below. The Bidders may submit bids for works given in the table below through KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz. **https://KPP.karnataka.gov.in**) The Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause-3 as per KW-4 of the instructions to bidders to qualify for award of the contract.
2. Bid documents may be downloaded from the KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka.
3. Other details can be seen in the tender documents.
4. GST will be paid separately.

Sl. No.	Name of the works	Approx. Amount put to Bid (Rs. in lakhs) Excluding GST	EMD (Amount in Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document	Stipulated completion period (including monsoon period)
1	Village developmental works for creating of infrastructure in and around MSGP processing plant at Doddaballapura Constituency.	159.00	Rs.1,00,000/- through e-payment under of one the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs.1,38,500/- by Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank	As per KPP portal	3 Months
2	Village developmental works for creating of infrastructure in and around KCDC processing plant at Bommanahalli Constituency.	159.00	Rs.1,00,000/- through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs.1,38,500/- by Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank		3 Months
3	Village developmental works for creating of infrastructure in and around Bingipura & Lakshmipura at Bangalore South Constituency.	806.00	Rs.1,00,000/- through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs.11,09,000/- by Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank		6 Months
4	Village developmental works for creating of infrastructure in and around Hullahalli & Lakshmipura landfill site at Bangalore South Constituency.	806.00	Rs.1,00,000/- through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs.11,09,000/- by Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank		6 Months
5	Providing basic infra structures and developmental works in surrounding villages of in Ward No.5 Kogilu and surroundings of Byatarayanapura Constituency.	639.85	Rs.1,00,000/- through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs.8,60,000/- by Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank		6 Months
6	Providing basic infra structures and developmental works in surrounding villages of in Ward No.10 (Byatarayanapura) ward No. 11, Kodigehalli Ward No. 13 Vidyaranyapura and surroundings of Byatarayanapura Constituency.	639.96	Rs.1,00,000/- through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs. 8,60,000/- /- by Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank		6 Months
7	Providing basic infra structures and developmental works in surrounding villages of Kannur scientific landfill sites at Mahadevapura Constituency.	616.97	Rs.1,00,000/- through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs. 8,25,000/- /- by Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank		6 Months
8	Providing basic infra structures and developmental works in surrounding villages of Mittaganahalli scientific landfill sites at Mahadevapura Constituency.	557.97	Rs.1,00,000/- through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs.7,36,000/- by Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank		6 Months

Calender Of Events :
1.Pre bid meeting will be held on **16.02.2024** at **15:00 hours** in office of the Chief Engineer & Chief General Manager (Tech), BSWML, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru - 560052.
2.Technical Documents along with necessary information/documents must be uploaded to the KPP Portal https://KPPP.karnataka.gov.in as per tender document on or before **16:00 hours** of **23.02.2024.**
3.The Technical bid will be opened through KPP-Portal only on **26.02.2024** after **16:30** hours at the stipulated venue.
4.Any corrigendum/addendum will be published in the KPP Portal only.

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DIPR/CP/3524/Zen/2023-24 Chief Engineer & Chief General Manager (Tech), BSWML

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e-Procurement Notice

Short e-Tender Ref No- 7/ RCD/Daltonganj/2023-24/193
Dated:-09.02.2024

1.	Name of Work	IRQP Work of Mohammadganj-Dangwar Road (Total Length - 30.40 km) Working Length - 0.00 to 15.00 km for the year 2023-24
2.	Estimated Cost	Rs. 9,07,88,875.00 (Rupees Nine Crore Seven Lacs Eighty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Five) Only.
3.	Bid Security (Amount)	Rs. 9,07,900.00 (Rupees Nine Lacs Seven Thousand Nine Hundred) Only.
4.	Time of Completion	06 Months
5.	Date of Publication of Tender on Website	13.02.2024, 10:30 AM
6.	Last Date/Time of Online Bid Submission	27.02.2024, 12:00 Noon
7.	Date and Time of Bid opening	29.02.2024, 12:30 PM
8.	Bid (Tender Fee & EMD) Submission Address	Cost of bidding document (for a non refundable fee) & Bid security as indicated shall be payable online through http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in
9.	Name & address of officer Inviting tender	Executive Engineer, R.C.D., Road Division, Daltonganj.06562–225019
10.	E-mail Id	eercdmedini-jhr@nic.in
11.	Helpline number of e Procurement cell	0651-2401010

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Executive Engineer
Road Construction Department
Road Division, Daltonganj.

PR.NO.318493 Road(23-24):D

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

GeM NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanical), Southern Railway, Madurai-625016 for and behalf of The President of India Invites Online tenders in Two Packet system from reputed contractors for the following works as per tender notice given in Government e-Marketing place (GeM) portal. The tenderer(s)/Contractor(s) to apply for works in Madurai Division, need to get enrolled In the GeM Portal and only online tenders will be accepted.

GeM Bid No.: GEM/2024/B/4591019 Dt. 08.02.2024

Name of the work: Annual Maintenance and Operation Contract (AMOC) of Bio-Tollets (all variants) at various depots of MDU division for a period of four years

Place of work	Value of the work (₹)	EMD (₹)	Tender closing date
MDU, RMM, TEN, TN	7,87,08,148/- (including GST @18%)	5,43,540	11.00 Hrs on 01.03.2024

Note: It is the responsibility of the tenderers to check any Corrigendum is issued for any correction; deletion or modifications uploaded subsequently in the website and the same shall be taken into account while uploading the tender. For further details please visit website at **"http://www.gem.gov.in".**

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Government of Jharkhand
Water Resources Department
Subernrekha Multipurpose Project, Chandil Complex, Adityapur, Jamshedpur
Executive Engineer's Office, Subernarekha Dam division no.-02 ,Chandil.

E- Tender Notice

NIT reference no. –F2/01/2023-24 Date- 08/02/2024

Sl.NO.	Particulars	Date
1.	Name of work	Repair and strengthening of Bamni nala bridge near chandil market
2.	Estimated Cost	Rs. 1,22,26,327.98
3.	Cost of Tender Fee	Rs. 10,000.00
4	Earnest Money	Rs. 2,43,350.00
5.	Date of Publication of NIT on website (http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in)	20/02/2024 Time: 01:00PM
6.	Period of Downloading and Uploading of NIT document on website	From: 21/02/2024 To: 04/03/2024 upto -3:00 PM
7.	Time and date of Bid opening	Date: 04/03/2024. Time: 5:00PM
8.	Period of work done.	300 Days
9.	Date and time of submission of E.M.D and Tender Fee with documents online.	Through e- tendering portal http://jharkhand.gov.in as per SOP issued by Information Technology and e- Governance department (Govt of Jharkhand) vide Letter No- 120 Date- 03.10.2023
10.	Name and address of office inviting NIT	Er. Sanjay kumar singh, Executive Engineer, Subernarekha dam division no.-02 ,Chandil, *Mobile No.- 7004742393*
11.	Helpline No./Contact no. of e-procurement officer	0657-2371765

Note:1.Further details can be seen on website: (http://jharkhand tenders.gov.in)
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Description in brief : Design, manufacture, supply, installation, testing, commissioning and maintenance of Heavy - Duty Elevator with machine room and gear less type 8 Persons, etc. **(Qty : 2 Set.)**

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 14:00 Hrs on 05-03-2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No: 05-CWS-MYSS-2023-24
Dated : 02-02-2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Maintenance of Bio toilet tanks at Central Workshop, SWR, Mysuru for a period of 02 years	Rs. 58,16,184/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 23-02-2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Deputy Chief Workshop Manager
Mysuru

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the public that my client Sri.Jaya Shankar M.U and Smt.J.Anitha have lost the original Sale Deed 11.02.2009, executed by Smt. Sunanda Bai and others in favour of Sri. Jaya Shankar M.U, Smt. J.Anitha registered as Doc.No. SRI-02261-2008-09, CD No. SRID82, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Srirampura, Bangalore, with respect to property bearing New Municipal No.17, PID No. 29-37-17, situate at 14th Main Road, Mariyappana-palya, Bangalore (portion of property bearing Old No. 16, Jodi Kempapura Agrahara, Bangalore), measuring East to West 24 Feet-3 Inches and North to South 26 Feet. We have lodged the online police complaint with regard to loss of document during transit on 04.01.2024 at 12.44 p.m in Magadi Road vide Lost Report No 0875146/2024 dated 04.01.2024.

If any person/s who finds it, is requested to return the same to us at the below mentioned address.

V. G Murthy, Advocate
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SOUTHERN RAILWAY

TRIVANDRUM
(GATI SHAKTI UNIT)
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. TVC/ GSU/02/2024 DATED 07/02/2024

Chief Project Manager/Gati Shakti/ Trivandrum Division, Trivandrum-14 for and on behalf of the President of India, Invites online tenders for the following works as per tender notice given in our e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in**. The tenderer(s) /contractor(s) to apply for e-tender for works in Gati Shakti Unit in Trivandrum Division, need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Name of work: Upgradation of Mavelikkara (MVLK) Railway Station under Amrit Bharath Station Scheme Phase-I Constructions

Approx. Value ₹ (In lakh): 522.515

Earnest Money Deposit ₹: 411300.00

Period of completion in Months: 6 Months

Tender Closing date and time: 29/02/2024 at 11:00 Hrs.

Details approximate value of tender, EMD & location are given on the e-portal, **www.ireps.gov.in.** For Details of bid submission, please refer website portal **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Dy. Chief Engineer/Gati Shakti Unit, Trivandrum-14

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 05/2024
Dated : 01-02-2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Sl.	Description in brief
1	Supply of Infra Red Thermo Vision Camera model KT - 560 or similar **(Tender No. L8245080) (Qty : 10 Nos.)**
2	Traction Transformer complete with accessories (cooling unit / pump etc.,) including electrical wiring harness along with Harting connectors in the marshalling box as per approved GA drawing of ICF suitable for 3 - PHASE MEMU propulsion system as per RDSO specification no. RDSO/PE/SPEC/EMU/0096-2008 (rev 4 or latest) for 3-Phase MEMU DMCs **(Tender No. L8236709B) (Qty : 01 No.)**
3	Up-gradation / Conversion of Fire Detection with Manual Suppression System provided in Power / Pantry cars as per RDSO specification No. RDSO/2013/CG-06 to Fire Detection System with Automatic Fire Suppression System as per RDSO specification No. RDSO/2013/CG-06 Rev.2 **(Tender No. L8245057) (Qty : 44 Nos.)**

Last date for submission of bids: Up to 10:30 Hrs on 26-02-2024 for Sl. No. 1 & 27-02-2024 for Sl. No. 2 & 28-02-2024 for Sl. No. 3

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Materials Manager
Bengaluru

PUB/676/AAS/PRB/SWR/2023-24

South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL AT BANGALORE (DRT-2)

No. 1, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

In the matter of
OA No. 745 / 2022

BETWEEN:
BANK OF BARODA ...APPLICANT
AND:
1) Mr. Baddity Pradeep
2) Mrs. Kondepogu Pravalika
3) Mr. G. Ramakrishna ... DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of Recovery of debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of Rs. 40,81,977 (Rupees Forty lakhs eighty one thousand nine hundred seventy seven only) together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the Summons or on **3.4.2024 at 11.00 AM** in person or by pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Tribunal on the 30th day of January 2024.

By Order of the Tribunal
***Sd/-* Registrar**
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2
BANGALORE

To:
1) Mr. Baddity Pradeep, S/o. Mr. B. Israil,
2) Mrs. Kondepogu Pravalika,
W/o Mr. Baddity Pradeep,
both residing at: No, 13, 2nd Floor, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Surabhi Nagar, Jambusavari Dinne, J P Nagar, 8th Phase, Bengaluru-560 076.
3) Mr. G. Ramakrishna ,
S/o Mr. G.S. Narasimha Rao,
R/o No. 586, 2nd 'B' Main, 2nd Stage, 11th Block, Near BGN Public School, Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru-560 072.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

PALAKKAD DIVISION

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. PGT/OT/03/2024 DATED 08.02.2024

Sr. Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination/Southern Railway/Palakkad invites E- TENDERS for the following works.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Approximate Cash value (₹) in Lakhs	Bid Security Amount (₹)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Palakkad Division - Raising of Platform at West Hill	168.87	2,34,400/-
2	Palakkad Division - Senior Section Engineer/ Works/Calicut section- Development of Divyangjan friendly facilities at various stations	130.59	2,15,300/-
3	Palakkad Division - Senior Section/Engineer/ Works/Kannur Section-Development of Divyangjan friendly facilities at various stations	115.23	2,07,600/-
4	Palakkad division- Construction of Gang Rest Rooms at various locations-Phase-I-Divisional Engineer/East/Palakkad jurisdiction.	161.93	2,31,000/-
5	Palakkad Division- Construction of Gang Rest Rooms at various locations-Phase-I-Senior Divisional Engineer/West/Palakkad Jurisdiction	163.42	2,31,700/-
6	Assistant Divisional Engineer/Kannur section: Provision of Standardized Parapet Wall in ROB no.'s 973 A at Km.664/092, 977 B at Km.664/900-665/0 & 984 A at Km.665/784.	27.42	54,800/-
7	Palakkad Division:-Construction of new office building for RPF Post with 10 bed barrack and accessory works at Kasaragod on PF No 1	93.26	1,86,500/-
8	Palakkad division- Repairs to FOBs at various stations under Senior Section Engineer /works/Calicut section	34.69	69,400/-
9	Zonal contract for execution of works and supply of materials in Palakkad Division for a period of One year from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024-Zone "E I"-Senior Section Engineer/Bridge/Kannur (Ferok-Mangalore & Mangalore -Panambur section).	80.00	1,60,000/-
10	Palakkad division-Shoranur-Kozikode- Attention to track and increasing transition length of curves to increase speed to 130 kmph 81 nos. (List of curves under annexure)	938.67	6,19,300/-
11	Senior Divisional Engineer/ West Jurisdiction - Provision of 2 Lifts at Mahe station	60.78	1,21,600/-
12	Palakkad division : Outsourcing of supporting staff for USFD testing	61.44	1,22,900/-
13	Shoranur- Mangalore section- Proposed Road Over Bridge at km 747/170 (Chala cutting) between Ettakkot and Kannur stations in favour of Kannur Municipality	426.50	3,63,300/-

(5) **Tender closing date 15.00 hrs on: Sl. No. 1, 4 & 5, 7, 9, 10 & 13 -** 11/03/2024, **Sl. No. 2 & 3, 6, 8, 11 & 12 -** 29/02/2024.
(6) **Completion Period in Months: Sl. No. 1 -** Four, **Sl. No. 2 & 3, 5, 7, 8 & 11 -** Six, **Sl. No. 4 -** Eight, **Sl. No. 6 -** Two, **Sl. No. 9 & 10, 12 & 13 -** Twelve.

1. All the contracts on Works/goods/services will be subject to the new GST Act as applicable from time to time. **2.** Contractors/Suppliers have to register themselves with GST authorities and to furnish the GST registration number in order to process the bills from 01.7.2017 onwards. **3.** For complete details of the above tenders please visit Website **"http://www.ireps.gov.in"**.

Note: It is the responsibility of the Tenderer to check any corrigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in website; the same shall be taken in to account while submitting Tender.

Sr. Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination, Palakkad
(For and on behalf of the President of India)

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BANGALORE RURAL ZILLA PANCHAYATH

Office of Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Bangalore Rural, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore – 560009

No: EE/PRED/BNG(R)/TND No-10/TS/2023-24 Date: 09.02.2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No:10/2023-24
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Tender is invited through KPP Portal by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D, Bangalore Rural, under different head of account. The work details can be obtained from the KPPP Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

The Tender Documents can be obtained and submitted on or before: **17.02.2024 upto 5.00 PM.** Further details contact this office during office working hours.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Panchayat Raj Engineering Division,
Bangalore Rural Dist. Bangalore

DIPR/CP/3516/SPAN/2023-24

GOVT.OF MAHARASHTRA

Harbour Engineer, Ratnagiri Harbour Division, Ratnagiri, Phone No. 02352-295808
Web- **www.mahapwd.com** & e-mail- **harbourratnagiri.ee@mahapwd.gov.in**

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 50 FOR 2023-24 ONLINE

Harbour Engineer, Harbour Division Ratnagiri,Invite Online Bids For B-2 Item Rate Tender From the Qualified/Eligible Contractors As per the Terms & Conditions Laid Down in Tender. Conditional Tenders are not accepted

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost.(Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Time Limit (Month)	Tender form fee (Non Refund-able)	Class of Contractor
1	Constructon of Anti Sea Erosion bund at 25 sites in Ratnaigri District 1) Bhandarpule 2) Ganpatipule 3) Nevre 4) Vare 5) Aare 7) Ganeshgule	308416395/-	1542082/-	12 (Twelve months including monsoon)	3000+18% GST Total amount 3540/-	Eligible contractors

1. Tender documents are available for online bid preparation & submission from web site main portal **http://mahatenders.gov.in** from **09/02/2024 at 17.00 PM.**
2. Any doubts / clarification sought by the intending / participating tenderers regarding online website and digital signature certificate can be got clarified by contacting the telephone no of Toll Free Number **180030702232/7878107985-86** E-mail: **eproc.support@maharashtra.gov.in** e-Tender will be valid up to **120 days** from the date of opening tender.
3. All documents to be submitted by the participating eligible tendereers are necessary.
4. The cost of Blank tender form Fees and EMD to be paid via online mode only. The Affidivit is mandatory to scan and upload only online on website. Otherwise the said participating agency will not be allowed to take part in further e- tendering process.
5. Other terms and conditions are included with e-tender form. The right to cancel or reject the above said e- tender without assigning any reason tests with the competent authority.
6. In future if any corrigendum published it will be available only on Main Portal = www.mahatenders.gov.in
7. For any clarification contact at phone no 02352/295808

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
(Harbour Engineer)
Ratnagiri Harbour Division Ratnagiri

DGIPR/2023-2024/7985

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ
ಕೊಠಡಿ ಸಂ : 306, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಡಳಿತ ಭವನ
ಫೋ. : 08226–222421 Email : dhochamarajanagar@gmail.com

No. DHO/CHN/CV2/156-196/2023-24 Dated : 06-02-2024

ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಮಾನವ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು e-Procurement ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಬರುವ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಗೆ 18–ವಾಹನ ಚಾಲಕ, 07–ಗಿರಿಜನ ಮಹಿಳಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಹಾಯಕಿ, 03–ಡಾಟಾ ಎಂಟ್ರಿ ಆಪರೇಟರ್ಸ್ ಮತ್ತು 03–ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕರು ಒಟ್ಟು–31 ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಯ ಮೂಲಕ ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ ಸೇವೆ ಪಡೆಯುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ (**KTPP**) 1999 ನಿಯಮಗಳು 2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆಯ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ **E-Procurement** ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ ದಿನಾಂಕ 07–02–2024 ಹಾಗೂ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ 21–02–2024ರ ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ ಆಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿದ್ದು, https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆದು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ /– ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ,
ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ

ಸಂ:ವಾಸಾಸಂಜ:ಚಾಜನಗರ:383:2023–24

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement portal only)

e-Tenders are invited for the procurement of the following materials under "GOODS" category on 01.02.2024 & 02.02.2024 as per RTPS requirements through e-procurement portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in:** **(1)** No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0804, SIEMENS make PLC Spares for Unit-1 to 4 Wet Ash Handling Plant. EMD: Rs. 31,500/-. **(2)** No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0805, Tiltable telescopic tower ladder for u-2 ESP hopper ash level indicator. EMD: Rs. 1,900/-. **(3)** No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0837, Nylon slings for routine works of RTPS Stores. EMD: Rs. 2,290/-. **(4)** No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0717/CALL-2, Foam Seal Saler 30-45 for BM-1 of RTPS. EMD: Rs. 7,200/-. **(5)** No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0267/CALL-4, Gaskets & Gland packing for AHP-2 of RTPS. EMD: Rs. 3,950/-. **(6)** No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0358/CALL-3, Pump spares for CAM-2 of RTPS. EMD: Rs. 23,400/-. **(7)** No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0407/CALL-3, Oil seals and rubber items for EEMM--2 of RTPS. EMD: Rs. 5,300/-. Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **for Sl. No. 1 to 3: 15.02.2024, 16.00 hrs., for Sl. No. 4 to 7: 17.02.2024, 16.00 hrs.** All relevant details of the bids are available in the above mentioned e-portal. Further details can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer (Purchase) RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Dist: Raichur, Cell: 9449597966, e-mail: **eeprtps@gmail.com**

Pimpri Chinchwad Smart City Limited
Selection of Concessionaire for providing Comprehensive services for Monetization of the Variable Message Display (VMD's) on 'Revenue Sharing Model'
E-Tender No.05/2023-24

Request For Proposal (RFP)

The Pimpri Chinchwad Smart City Limited (PCSCL) invites proposal from experienced Companies/Firms for appointment of "Concessionaire" for the work as mentioned below.
Name of the Work :- **Selection of Concessionaire for providing Comprehensive services for Monetization of the Variable Message Display (VMD's) on 'Revenue Sharing Model'**

Sr.No	Name of the Item	Description
1	Availability of RFP	e-Procurement Portal https://mahatenders.gov.in
2	Period of Sale/Download of RFP – Start Date and End Date	From 09/02/2024, 11:00 Hrs. to 23/02/2024, 15:00 Hrs.
3	RFP document fee (Non-refundable and Not exempted)	INR 37,430 (Thirty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Thirty only)
4	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	INR 7,50,000 (Seven Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)

Terms & Conditions and other relevant details can be viewed on https://mahatenders.gov.in Right to reject any or all of the tenders, at any stage, without assigning any reasons thereof are reserved by the undersigned whose decision will be final.

Sd/-
(Shekhar Singh)
Chief Executive Officer
Pimpri Chinchwad Smart City Limited, Chinchwad-411019

Advertisement No. PCSCL/06/WS/69/2024
Date:09/02/2024

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (Vijayanagara), Shasakara Bhavana, 1st Floor, 3rd Main, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru-560040

No.: EE(VJN)/AE/TN/GL-08/2023-24 Date: 09.02.2024

CORRIGENDUM-1

Subject: Postponement of download, receipt and tender opening date of tender schedule 'B'.
Reference: Tender notification No. EE/VJN/AE/TN/GL-08/23-24, Date: 01.02.2024

With respect to the above subject and referred tender serial number (1) Construction of 25 bedded Hospital, Dialysis center building including supplying of furniture & fire extinguishing works at GK Naidu Rangamandira in Ward No. 134 Bapujinagar in Vijayanagara Assembly Constituency. Est. Cost Rs. 450.00 Lakhs package works tender schedule 'B' downloading date, date of receipt of filled tender and date of opening of Technical bids have been postponed as below. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Sl.No	Details	Date
1	Date of downloading the work tender forms	From 15.02.2024
2	Date of receipt of filled tenders	23.02.2024 upto 4:00 p.m.
3	Pre-bid meeting for the work	on 19.02.2024 at 3:00 p.m.
4	Opening date of Technical bid	on 26.02.2024 at 11:30 a.m.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Vijayanagara Division, BBMP

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Tamil Nadu. Ph.: 04324-277001 (10 Lines).

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Tender No.	Material Description	Date of publishing Tender document in TNPL/NIC website	Due date
232413 007036	Imported wood chips in Bulk Species : (Eucalyptus Species / Acacia Species)	19.02.2024	11.03.2024
232413 006996	Procurement of Morpholine - pH Booster - Laboratory Grade for Unit - I.	20.02.2024	04.03.2024
232413 006979	Procurement of Maize Based Native Starch (In Jumbo Bags) for Unit - I.	09.03.2024	23.03.2024
232413 006980	Procurement of Sodium Hydrosulphite for Unit - I.	16.03.2024	30.03.2024
232413 006981	Procurement of Liquid PAC (Poly Aluminium Chloride) for Unit - I.	05.03.2024	20.03.2024
232413 006982	Procurement of Liquid Antifluff Agent for Paper Machine #2 of Unit - I.	08.05.2024	22.05.2024
232413 006983	Procurement of Non Ferric Alum for Unit - I.	31.05.2024	14.06.2024
232413 006943	Renewal of ATS for Oracle License for the period from 01-June- 2024 to 31-May-2026.	10.02.2024	24.02.2024
232433 000487	Procurement of Clay	15.05.2024	31.05.2024
E-Mail	232413007036 - purchase.pulp@tnpl.co.in 232413006996 ; 6979 ; 6980 ; 6981 ; 6982 ; 6983 - purchase.rawmatl@tnpl.co.in 232413006943 - purchase.inst@tnpl.co.in 232433000487 - purchase.lsfm@tnpl.co.in		

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website & NIC Portal only. Detailed Terms & conditions are available in the tender document at our websites: **www.tnpl.com / https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Tender No.	Nature of Work	Date of publishing Tender document in TNPL/NIC website	Due date
232413 006992	Imported Limestone for Soda Recovery Plant	18.04.2024	08.05.2024
232413 006991	Steaming (Non-Coking) Coal in Bulk (Imported) with 4200 GAR of Indonesian origin for TNPL Unit - I and Unit - II.	25.04.2024	10.05.2024
232413 006993	Enlistment of third party independent inspection agencies for Sampling and analysis of Imported Coal and Limestone at Discharge port and at TNPL Lab.	03.05.2024	18.05.2024
232413 007015	300 GSM Circular Grey Board Disc - 93 CM / 95 CM & 97 CM for Unit - I & Unit - II.	22.02.2024	07.03.2024
232413 007016	Stretch Film 50 Microns 50 CM Width - 22/24/50 CM Dia. For Unit - I & II.	15.02.2024	28.02.2024
232413 007017	Heat treated Wooden Pallets of various sizes for Unit - I.	21.03.2024	04.04.2024
232413 007018	Plastic Core Plug (IND) - 90 Grams for Unit - I & II.	18.04.2024	02.05.2024
232413 007020	Heavy Duty LDPE Shrink Film 70/80 Microns of various sizes for Unit - I.	02.05.2024	15.05.2024
232413 007021	Hot Melt Gum - 214 for Copier Reel Packing.	09.05.2024	22.05.2024
E-Mail	232413006992 ; 6991 ; 6993 - purchase.fuel@tnpl.co.in 232413007015 ; 7016 ; 7017 ; 7018 ; 7020 ; 7021 - purchase.packing@tnpl.co.in		

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website & NIC Portal only. Detailed Terms & conditions are available in the tender document at our websites: **www.tnpl.com / https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

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Government of Karnataka - Zilla Panchayat, Shivamogga
Office of The District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Shivamogga
Phone: 08182-222382 e-mail ID: dhoshimoga@gmail.com
No.: DHFWS/O.S./Tender-07/2023-24 Date: 08.02.2024

e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in two cover system as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act (KTPP) 1999, Rules 2000 for availing the services of the below mentioned cadre personnel through outsource for Health Institutions under jurisdiction of Office of The District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Shivamogga for the year 2024-25. Details are as below.

Sl.No. 1.**NotificationNo.:** DHFWS/O.S.Tender-07/2023-24 dated 06.02.2024 **Details of the tender invited :** Regarding Providing on Outsource Basis services of Group D. (211) Drivers (22), Nursing Officer (3) to Health Institutions of Shivamogga District and Data Entry Operator (1) for K.P.M.E. Division. **Time Period for tender submission:** From 12.02.2024 to 14.03.2024 **Annual Approx. Amount of Tender:**Rs.350.00 lakhs **Remarks:** E.M.D.Amount: Rs. 8,75,000/- **Sl.No.** 2. **NotificationNo.:** DHFWS/O.S.Tender-08/2023-24 dated 06.02.2024 **Details of the tender invited :** Pharmacist - 22 Nos. and Laboratory Technicians - 7 Nos. **Time Period for tender submission:** From 12.02.2024 to 14.03.2024 **Annual Approx. Amount of Tender:**Rs. 56,15,500/- **Remarks:** E.M.D. Amount: Rs. Rs. 1,50,000/-

For further details contact Phone No.- 08182-222382 of the Office of The District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Shivamogga, during office hours or can be obtained in website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-District Health and Family,Welfare Officer,Shivamogga
DIPR/smg/No.69/02/ksmca/23-24/1226

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION KOPPAL.
Phone No: 08539 - 222318
email: eepwdkpl2@gmail.com

IFT No. PWD:DK:DB:KG-3& KW-4:2023-24:3512 Date:07-02-2024.

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers as per standard bid documents on **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Portal. **Head of Account**: **KKRDB Mega Macro Social-General/2022-23, KKRDB Micro Nonsocial-SCP & Macro Nonsocial- General/2023-24**. Two cover Tender procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours on Phone No. 08539 – 222318 and all informations regarding tenders can be had from website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. 04 Works (Work Indent No: **0010, 0011, 7245 & 7060**). Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders **19-02-2024 Time 16.00**, Date and Time for opening of Technical Bid **20-02-2024 Time 16.30**. Minimum & Maximum Estimate Amount Rs. 278.00 Lakhs & Rs. 400.00 Lakhs respectively. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address, EMD, Time for Tender Queries/ Clarification, Date of Financial Bid Opening, Date & Other information as mentioned in KPPP Portal. Note: Any changes either in tender date or any other condition tenderers can view in KPPP portal & no separate notification will be published in news paper.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Koppal
DIPR/Koppal/415/KSMCA/2023-24

NATIONAL URBAN HEALTH MISSION
BANGALORE CITY HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY ®
BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Chief Health Officer (PH), Annex-2nd Floor, BBMP Head Officer, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002.

No: CPMO/NUHM/PR/150/2023-24 Date: 08.02.2024

NOTIFICATION

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike intends to conduct walk-in process for various posts vacant under RCH Programme, National Urban Health Mission, National Tobacco Control Programme, National Leprosy Eradication Programme, National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme, National Mental Health Programme, National Programme for Control on Blindness Merit cum roaster basis for One Year Purely on Contractual basis.

Sl No	Programme Name	Name of the Post	No of Posts	Education Qualification	Salary/ Month	Walk in Place Date & Time
1	NUHM	Bio Medical Engineer	1	• B.E/B.Tech/M.Tech in Bio Medical Engineering, (2 Year Experience) • Age Limit: 45 Years	40,000/-	Dr. Rajkumar Glass House, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Circle, Bengaluru Dt: 13.02.2024 Time: 10.30 AM to 4.30 PM
2		Zonal Program Manager	2	• MBA(HR/Finance) with one year experience • Age Limit: 45 Years	20,000/-	
3		Epidemiologist	1	• MBBS with post graduate degree/ Diploma in preventive & Social medicine/Public Health or Epidemiology (MD, DPH, MAE) • or M.Sc in Life science, Epidemiology with MPH Qualification • or any degree with MPH Qualification • Age Limit: 45 years with one year experience	25,000/-	
4		PHCOs (ANM)	154	• ANM (PHCO) training in recognised ANM institutions affiliated by Karnataka Government & registered in Karnataka Nursing Council • Age Limit: 40 years	18,523/-	
5		HIO (MHW)	115	• SSLC or equivalent qualification and Health Worker training from SIHFW or • SSLC or equivalent qualification with 3 yrs of Diploma in Health Inspector from State Paramedical Board or • PUC Science with 2 yrs of Diploma in Health Inspector from State Paramedical Board • Must be registered in State Paramedical Board • Age Limit: 40 Years	18,523/-	
6		Staff Nurse	40	• B.Sc Nursing /Diploma in nursing with KNC registration • Age limit: 45 Years	18,714/-	Dr. Rajkumar Glass House, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Circle, Bengaluru Dt: 14.02.2024 Time: 10.30 AM to 4.30 PM
7		Pharmacists	48	• B-Pharma/D-Pharma and registered in state pharmacy council • Age limit: 40 years	18,714/-	
8		Lab Technicians	5	• SSLC or equivalent qualification with 3yrs of Diploma in Lab Technician from State Paramedical Board or • PUC science with 2yrs of Lab Technican training from State paramedical Board • Must registered in State Paramedical Board • Age limit: 40 years	18,714/-	
9		OBG	4	• MD(OBG) if not available DGO • Age Limit: 65 Years	1,10,000/-	
10		Paediatrician	2	• MD Pediatrics if not available DCH • Age Limit: 65 Years	1,10,000/-	
11		Physician	5	• MD in Medicine • Age Limit: 65 Years	1,10,000/-	
12		Anaesthetist	2	• MD (Anasthesia) or Diploma in Anasthesia • Age Limit: 65 Years	1,10,000/-	
13		Radiologist	6	• MD (Radiology) or DMRD • Age Limit: 65 Years	1,10,000/-	
14		OT Technician	1	• Diploma in OT Technology and registered in Karnataka Paramedical Board • Age Limit: 40 Yrs	18,714/-	
15		Audiologist	1	• Audiology & Speech Language Pathologist • Age Limit: 65 Yrs	30,000/-	
16	NTEP	Medical Officer (Medical College)	1	• Essential Qualification: MBBS or equivalent degree from Institution recognized by Medical council of India. • Must have completed compulsory rotatory internship • Preferential Qualification: • Diploma / MD Public Health / PSM / Community Medicine / CHA / Tuberculosis & Chest diseases • One year experience in RNTCP • Basic knowledge of Computers • Age Limit: 65 Years	45,000/-	Dr. Rajkumar Glass House, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Circle, Bengaluru Dt: 15.02.2024 Time: 10.30 AM to 4.30 PM
17		Senior Treatment Supervisor (STS)	2	Essential Qualification: • Bachelor's Degree with Science background • Certificate course in computer operation (minimum 6 months) • Permanent two wheeler driving license & should be able to drive two wheeler. Preferential qualification: • Minimum2 years work experience in health sector. 2 sanitary inspector course • Age limit: 40 Years	21,000/-	
18		Lab Technologist	4	Essential Qualification: • Intermediate (10+2) and Diploma or certified course in Medical Laboratory Technology or equivalent • Certificate course in computer operations (minimum six months) Preferential Qualification • One year experience in Lab sector • Age Limit: 40 Years	14,000/-	
19		Tuberculosis Health Visitor (TBHV)	6	Essential Qualification • Graduate in Science or Intermediate (10+2) and experience of working as MPW / LHV / ANM / Health Worker / Certificate or higher course in Health Education / Counselling • Certificate course in computer Operations (minimum six months) Preferential Qualification • Training cours for MPW of recognized sanitary inspector's course • Age limit: 40 years	17,850/-	
20		Counsellor for DRTB Center	1	Essential Qualification • Bachelors (or equivalent) degree in social work / sociology / psychology Preferential Qualification • Masters degree / PG Diploma in Social work / sociology / psychology • 2 experience in RNTCP or worked as counsellor, 3 Basic knowledge of computers • Age limit: 40 years	13,283/-	
21	NLEP	Para Medical Worker	2	• PMW training with high School / Higher Secondary Certificate • MSW / B.Sc with 3 years experience in the field of Health • 3 working knowledge of computer • Age limit: 65 Years	16,800/-	Dr. Rajkumar Glass House, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Circle, Bengaluru Dt: 15.02.2024 Time: 10.30 AM to 4.30 PM
22	RCH	Immunization field Volunteer (IFV, Immunization)	2	• A graduate in any discipline with atleast 5 years of experience in the field work preferably working for reputed Government / NGO / International Organization / Programme or • A post graduate in MSW or equivalent with atleast 2 years experience in field work with Government NGO/ International Organization / Programme • Age Limit: 45 Years	20,159/-	
23		Staff Nurse (SNCU)	15	• GNM / BSc nursing and registered in Karnataka Nursing Council • Age limit: 45 years	18,714/-	
24		Medical Officers (SNCU, Child Health)	3	• MBBS with KMC registration • Age Limit: 45 Years	50,000/-	
25		Paediatrician (SNCU, CHI LD Health)	1	• DM in Neonatology, Fellowship in Neonatology, MD in Paediatric / DNB (Child Health) / DCH • Age Limit: 45 Years	1,10,000/-	
26		Counceller (Child Health)	1	• Must have Bachelor degree, preference given to MSW and Degree in Psychology / child development /Home science, First preference given to Lady candidate • Age Limit: 45 Years	19,209/-	
27		Staff Nurse (Maternal Health)	2	• M.Sc/ B.Sc/ Diploma in Nursing • 2 Years work experience in public health / govt health sector. Preference will be given to M.Sc/ B.Sc. • Age Limit: 45 Years	18,714/-	
28		Staff Nurse (RBSK)	7	• M.Sc/ B.Sc/ Diploma in Nursing • 2 Years work experience in public health / govt health sector. Preference will be given to M.Sc/ B.Sc. • Age Limit: 45 Years	18,714/-	
29		QA/Pharmacist (RBSK)	6	• B-Pharma degree in affiliated by Pharmacy council of Karnataka & registration certificate • Basic computer knowledge certificate or • D-Pharma degree in affiliated by Pharmacy council of Karnataka & registration certificate • Basic computer knowledge certificate • Age limit: 40 Years	18,714/-	
30		District Community Mobilizer	1	• GNM/ANM/B.Sc Nursing or Diploma in Public Health / Social work / degree in Social Science / Post graduate • Registered in Karnataka Nursing Council and Computer knowledge • Age limit: 50 years	13,136/-	
31	NPCB	Ophthalmologist	1	Essential Qualification • MS/ MD in Opthalmology (MCI recognized) with atleast 1 year of experience after PG Degree has been obtained Desirable: • Trained in performing SICS • Experience and the ability to work in district level hospitals • Age Limit: 45 Years	1,10,000/-	
32	DMHP	Community Nurse	1	• B.Sc Nursing or equivalent degree from recognised institute approved by KNCI or General Nursing • 2 Years of work experience in hospital • Age Limit: 45 Years	14,000/-	
33		Psychiatric Nurse	1	• B.Sc Nursing or equivalent degree from recognised institute approved by KNCI or General Nursing • 2 Years of work experience in Psychiatry / Mental health hospital / institute • PG Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing from recognised Institute approved by NCI • Age Limit: 45 Years	14,000/-	

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA 1. Age limit: On the last date of notification, candidates should have attained the age of 18 years 2. The Candidates should have the knowledge of Kannada (to write, speak and read) The eligible candidates are requested to come with all relevant original and photo copy of documents to walk in selection on the above mentioned place and date. BBMP reserves the right to increase or reduce the number of posts. For other information please contact the office of CPMU. 3rd Floor, BBMP Head office, NR Square, Bengaluru - 560 002. Email id: cpmobbmp@gmail.com and visit BBMP website: www.bbmp.gov.in

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Chief Minister,Punjab

Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Punjab

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru.

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Karnataka Housing Board invite tender from the eligible Pre-qualified contractors in KHB through Karnataka public procurement portal for below mentioned works.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Work Indent & IFT No.	Amount put to tender (in Rs.)
1.	Construction of Post Metric Girls Hostel 2nd Phase at Ballari Town in Ballari District	Tender Reference No. KHB/2023-24/ BD/ WORK_INDENT166 & IFT No. 172/2023-24 Date: 08.02.2024	1,21,15,247/-

LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID: 23.02.2024 UP TO 4.00 PM

For further information, contact below mentioned Office Address:
Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru.
Telephone No.: 080-22273511 / 080-22100077. Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

DIPR/CP/YC/3499/2023-24 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, KHB**

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ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಕಚೇರಿ ರಾಯಚೂರು

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಸಂಗ್ರಹ/ಇ ಟಂಡರ್/ಸ.ಕ್ಯಾ/2023–24 ದಿನಾಂಕ:07.02.2024

ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ–2ನೇ ಕರೆ

ರಾಯಚೂರು ನಗರದ ಆಯ್ದ 20 ಸ್ಥಳಗಳಲ್ಲಿ 48 ಐ.ಪಿ ಬುಲೆಟ್ ಕ್ಯಾಮರಗಳು, 05 ಪಿಟಿಜೆಡ್ ಕ್ಯಾಮರಗಳು, 08 ಎ.ಎನ್.ಪಿ.ಆರ್ ಕ್ಯಾಮರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಳವಡಿಸಲು ಮತ್ತು 06 ಪಿ.ಎ.ಸಿಸ್ಟಮ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಅಧೀಕೃತ ಏಜೇನ್ಸಿ (ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ) ಯವರಿಂದ. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆಯ (KTPP Act) ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1999 ಮತ್ತು ನಿಯಮಗಳು 2000 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಎಲ್ಲ ವಿವರಗಳು www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ಜಾಲತಾಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

1) ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: Tender No. KSP/2023-24/SE0005/CALL-2 **2) ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 07.02.2024 02:56:07 P.M **3) ಪ್ರಿ ಬಿಡ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ಕರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 17.02.2024 11.00 AM **4) ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಟೆಂಡರ ಫಾರಂಗಳನ್ನು ಡೌನಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು, ಟೆಂಡರ ಅನ್ನು E-Procurment portal** ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23.02.2024 11:30:05 AM **5) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಲಕೋಟೆ ತೆರೆಯುನ ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 26.02.2024 TIME:11:30:05 AM **6) ಹಣಕಾಸಿನ ಲಕೋಟೆಯನ್ನುತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 27.02.2024 TIME:11:30:45 PM **7) ಟೆಂಡರನ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.:** 49,95,320/– **8) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನೊಂದಿಗೆಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ** ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ.ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.: 1,00,000/– **9) ವ್ಯವಹರಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಳಾಸ, ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ರಜಾ ದಿನಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ:** Superintendent of Police, Raichur Ph: 08532-235001

ಸಹಿ/– ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಅಧೀಕ್ಷಕರು
DIP/RCR/473/KSMC&A/470/2023-24 ರಾಯಚೂರು.

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'ಸಿ' ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, ಕೊಠಡಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಸಿ–1,2ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಡಳಿತ ಭವನ,ಯಾದಗಿರಿ
ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 08473–200741 E-mail : dswoyadgiri@gmail.com

ಸಂ:ಉನಿಸಕಇಯಾ/ಲೆಕ್ಕ/ಸಿ.ಆರ್–/2023–24/ಎಲ್–732 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05–02–2024.

::ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ::

2023–24ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಶಹಾಪೂರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಸಮಾಜ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಮತ್ತು ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ವರ್ಗಗಳ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಮೆಟ್ರಿಕ್ ಪೂರ್ವ ಮೆಟ್ರಿಕ್ ನಂತರದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ನಿಲಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಆಹಾರ ಪದಾರ್ಥ ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ಸಾಮಾಗ್ರಿಗಳ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಅರ್ಹ ಪೂರೈಕೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ (e-Procurement) ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಇ – ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಘಟನಾವಳಿಗಳು

1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: ಸಂ: ಉನಿಸಕಇಯಾ/ಲೆಕ್ಕ/ಸಿ.ಆರ್–/2023–24 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05–02–2024 **2) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಇಟ್ಟ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ:** ರೂ. 323.35 ಲಕ್ಷ **3) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನೊಂದಿಗೆ ಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ:** ರೂ. 4.85 ಲಕ್ಷ **4) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 05–02–2024 **5) ಪ್ರೀ–ಬಿಡ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 20–02–2024 **6) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 23–02–2024 ಸಮಯ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ **7) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಲಕೋಟೆ ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ, ವೇಳೆ ಮತ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 28–02–2024 (ಸ್ಥಳ ಮತ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿರುತ್ತದೆ) **8) ಹಣಕಾಸಿನ ಲಕೋಟೆಯನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ, ವೇಳೆ ಮತ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 01–03–2024 (ದಿನಾಂಕ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿರುತ್ತದೆ) **09) ವ್ಯವಹರಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಳಾಸ, ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:** ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಸಮಾಜ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಯಾದಗಿರಿ. ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08473–200741

ಸಹಿ/– ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು
ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಸಂ.ಇ/ಯಾದಗಿರಿ/309/ಕೆ.ಎಸ್.ಎಂ.ಸಿ&ಎ/2023–24 ಸಮಾಜ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಯಾದಗಿರಿ

PUBLIC NOTICE

M/s Sri Ram & Company (PAN: ACIFS2258J), a registered partnership firm, having its principal place of business at No. 4208, High Point, 45, Palace Road, Bangalore-560001, is the owner of (i) 823.08 square feet of undivided ownership, right, title, interest in all those pieces and parcels of land admeasuring 12 acres 20 guntas comprised in Survey nos. 114/2(part), 114/3(part), 114/4(part), 114/5, 115/1(part), 115/2, 115/3, 116/3(part), 116/4, 116/5, 116/6, 117/1, 121/1(part), 121/2, 122, 123/1A, 1B(part) and 123/2 situated at Nagawara Village, Kasaba, Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk ("**Land**"); and (ii) premises measuring 2,675 square feet of super built area in Phase IV of '*MFAR Manyata Tech Park*' ("**Premises**") (morefully described hereunder in the second schedule), constructed on the Land. The Land and the Premises have been more particularly described in the **First Schedule** and **Second Schedule** respectively. The Land and the Premises are, hereinafter, collectively, referred to as the "**Property**".

NOTICE is hereby given that we have been instructed to investigate the right, title and interest of M/s Sri Ram & Company in the Property. All persons having or claiming any share, right, title, estate, claim or interest against or to the Property or any part thereof whether by way of sale, transfer, exchange, assignment, lease, sub-lease, tenancy, sub-tenancy, leave and license, license, mortgage, inheritance, share, gift, devise, lien, charge, compensation, maintenance, easement, trust, beneficiary/ies, possession, release, relinquishment or by way of any other method through any agreement, deed, document, writing, conveyance deed, development agreement, letter of intent, devise, bequest, succession, family arrangement/settlement, litigation, decree or court order of any court of law, any contracts, approvals, development rights of FSI/FAR consumption or TDR or encumbrance or otherwise howsoever, are required to make the same known, in writing and along with documentary proof, to the undersigned at his office at JSA Advocates and Solicitors, Level 3, Prestige Obelisk No. 3, Kasturaba Road, Bengaluru – 560 001 with all notices marked to the attention of Mr. Karthik B.M at karthik.bm@jsalaw.com, within 14 calendar days from the date of publication thereof, failing which it shall be presumed that there are no claims, rights, title, estate or interest and that claims, rights, title, estate or interest, if any, shall be disregarded and shall be deemed to have been waived or abandoned.

FIRST SCHEDULE
Description of the Land

All that piece and parcel of land admeasuring 12 acres 20 guntas comprised in Survey nos. 114/2(part), 114/3(part), 114/4(part), 114/5, 115/1(part), 115/2, 115/3, 116/3(part), 116/4, 116/5, 116/6, 117/1, 121/1(part), 121/2, 122, 123/1A, 1B(part) and 123/2 situated at Nagawara Village, Kasaba, Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded as follows:

On or towards the North	:	Part of Manyata Commercial Layout
On or towards the South	:	Part of Manyata Commercial Layout
On or towards the East	:	M S Ramaiah residential layout
On or towards the West	:	Internal Road of Manyata Property

SECOND SCHEDULE
Description of the Premises

An extent of 2,675square feet of super built-up area being a portion of the first floor in Phase IV in the project constructed on the land described in the first schedule together with undivided share of land admeasuring 823.08 square feet of the land described in the first schedule.

Date:February 10, 2024
Place: Bengaluru

Karthik B.M
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Regd Office: 1st Floor, Corporation Building block SN Market, Nehru Road, Shivamogga - 577-201
Email : shimogasmartcity@gmail.com P.No: 08182-279951

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

No:SSCL/Tech/402/LS/2023/923 Date : 07.02.2024

The Managing Director, SSCL Shivamogga invites Tenders under one Cover system as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through e procurement. Registered Contractors in KPWD (Civil)/NH or in eligible authority and who have Qualifications as per tender document are eligible to apply.

Sl No : 1. Name of the work :**Labeling Strategy/Branding and Naming to Shivamogga Smart City Projects** Amount put to Tender in Rs : **74,73,668.00** EMD Amount in Rs : **1,50,000.00** Project Period : **3 Months**

Calender of events: (1). Blank Tender documents can be downloaded from**: 09.02.2024 @ 4.00 P.M** (2). Last Date for uploading Filled Tender Document is**: 21.02.2024 up to 4.00 PM.** (3). Opening of Tender through E-Portal :**22.02.2024 up to 4.30 P.M** (4). For more information contact in office hours.

For details, registration and e-payment visit GOK e-procurement website.https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact e-procurement Helpdesk at 080-25501216 / 080-25501227

Sd/- **Managing Director**
Shivamogga Smart City Limited
Shivamogga

DIPR/SMG/No.66-02 zenkar/2023-24

Government of Karnataka
Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department, Office of The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Division, Chitradurga

NO.EE/MI&GWD DIV/CTA/PB-3/TENDER NOTIFICATION: 13/ 2023-24 DATE:07-02-2024

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Item rate tender in two cover system as per KTPP act-2000 with latest amendments is invited from the eligible Class-I contractors registered in KPWD (KW-3) for the following work through e-procurement portal.

Name of work:- (1) Construction of Check dam across Hirehalla between Arehalli Kankanahalli near S.No. 13/3 in Nyamathi Taluk, Davanagere District.
Amount put to tender in Lakhs:-95.41
(2) Construction of Check dam across Maheshwari halla near S.No. 141 in Arekere of Honnali Taluk, Davanagere District.
Amount put to tender in Lakhs:- 95.55
Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-procurement website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 08-02-2024 Last Date & Time for enquiries about tender 16-02-2024 upto 5.30 P.M., Last Date for submission of Tenders 17-02-2024 upto 4.00 P.M., Opening of Technical bid Date: 19-02-2024 after 4.30 P.M , Opening of Finanical bid Date:20-02-2024 after 4.30 P.M (If possible).Tenders may be submitted along with EMD and tender fee (Mode of payment should be online only as prescribed in website). Amount mentioned in Kppp-portal is final for the amount put to tender & the E.M.D. Additional Information regarding works may be obtained from the Division Office during office hours & from e-procurement help desk No.080-25501216 & 080-25501227.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/ 559/2023-24 Sd/- Executive Engineer, MI, Chitradurga

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Government of Karnataka
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KARNATAKA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, HUBLI-580 022. Phone No:0836-2373348
ಸಂ.ಕಿಮ್ಸ್/ಆ/ಪೂಏ(1)/ಡಿ/244/2023–24 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 05–02–2024

ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ, ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗೆ ವಿಷಧ ಸಾಮಗ್ರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಂದ ಈ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರ್ಮಗಳನ್ನು / ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳ ಪುಸ್ತಕವನ್ನು ಈ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಕಿಮ್ಸ್ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗೆ ಸಾಮಗ್ರಿಗಳನ್ನು (**Drug Items**) ಖರೀದಿಸಲು ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗೆ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಎರಡು ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ಮತ್ತು ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಹರಾದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– (ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು)
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ

KARNATAKA SKILL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
(Govt. of Karnataka undertaking)
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No. KSDC/CMKKY/ILC-FS/CR-71/2023-24 Date: 09.02.2024

Expression of Interest (EOI)

KSDC invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from eligible and interested Industries / Industry Authorised Partners / Industrial Associations under ILC of CMKKY for submission of proposal under Letter of Intent (LOI) based Training and Placement for the financial year 2023-24 in the state of Karnataka. Last date for submission of proposal is 16.02.2024 at 16.00 Hrs. Interested and eligible Industries / Industry Authorised Partners / Industrial Associations may submit their proposals to the Managing Director, Karnataka Skill Development Corporation, 3rd Floor, Kaushalya Bhavan, Near Dairy Circle, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560029. For details please contact KSDC Helpline No. : 1800 599 9918 or for clarification visit www.kaushalkar.com or email at eoi_rfp@kaushalkar.com

Sd/- Executive Director-2
KSDC, Bengaluru

DIPR/DDU/3519/AKAR/2021-22

Health & Family Welfare Department
District Surveillance / NCD Division,
District Health And Welfare Office,
Ramanagara District, Ramanagara - 562 159.
Ph. : 080-2727 1195, Email : npcdcs2018rmg@gmail.com

No. : DS/CPHC-UHC/232/2023-24 Date : 09-02-2024

TENDER SCHEDULE

Under CPHC-UHC programme & Ayushman Bharath Arogya Karnataka programme in Subcentre Health & Wellness Centre of Ramanagara District rented building branding activities tender called in Karnataka public procurement portal for eligible organization / contractor. For free tender format and for more information regarding facilities details for branding, EMD and regarding tender kindly check **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

1) Tender Number : DS/CPHC-UHC/232/2023-24, 2) Tender Announcement Date: 09-02-2024, 3) Approximate Value of Tender : Rs. 66,00,000, 4) EMD Amount : 1,65,000, 5) Tender Commencement Date : 09-02-2024, 6) Last Date and Time for Submision of Tenders Date : 15-02-2024, at 05.00 p.m. 7) Time and Date of Opening of Technical Bids Date : 17-02-2024 at 11.00 a.m. 8) Time and Date of Opening of Financial Bids Date : 19-02-2024 at 11.00 a.m. 9) Place of Opening of Tenders District Surveillance Office, District Health And Welfare Office, First Floor, Ramanagara - 562 159, Email Id:dsuramanagara@gmail.com, 10) Website : www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- President Of Tender Committee
And District Health & Welfare Officer
Ramanagara District.

DIPR/Ramanagar/442/Manipal/2023-24

PIMPRI CHINCHWAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, PIMPRI, PUNE – 411018.
CIVIL PROJECT DEPARTMENT
E-TENDER NOTICE No: - CIVIL/F HO/78/04/2023-2024

Offers by way of e-tendering (Percentage) are invited by the City Engineer, Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation from contractors in e-tendering system for following works.

1) The contractor shall quote his Percentage offer on the Cost of work excluding Material testing charges as mentioned below.
2) The offer for work shall be exclusive of GST. The GST at the applicable rate shall be paid separately by PCMC for work.
3) Regarding the Royalty, the policy that the corporation determines will be binding on you.

Sr. No	Name of work	Estimated cost put to the Tender (Rs) (4+6)	Cost of Work excluding Material testing charges (Rs)	Royalty (Rs)	Testing Charges (Rs)	Earnest money (0.50%) (Rs)	Security Deposit (5%) (Rs)	Time limit in calendar months including Monsoon	Cost of Tender Document GST(Non refundable) (Rs.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	DEVELOPMENT OF 24 M DP ROAD FROM TRIVENI NAGAR TO TALAWADE CHOWK , IN PRABHAG NO. 12(REMAINING ROAD ASPHALTING)	15,48,91,036	15,45,17,337	27,61,088	3,73,699	7,74,455	77,44,560	18	37,430
2	CONSTRUCTION OF 30M DP ROAD FROM DEHU ALANDI ROAD TO SONAVANE VASTI IN CHIKALI PRABHAG NO 1	15,52,04,059	15,46,93,229	24,39,000	5,10,830	7,76,020	77,60,210	18	37,430
3	DEVELOPMENT OF 24M WIDE DP ROAD FROM CHIKHALI CHOWK TO SONAWANE WASTI WARD NO.1	23,23,32,586	23,18,24,576	42,78,937	5,08,010	11,61,663	1,16,16,630	18	37,430
4	DEVELOPMENT OF 18M WIDE DP ROAD FROM INDRAPRASTHA MANGAL KARYALAY TO SANTPEETH AND OTHER DP ROADS IN CHIKHALI WARD NO.1	23,55,66,292	23,50,57,592	13,51,184	5,08,700	11,77,831	1,17,78,320	18	37,430

Time table for the tenders shall be as follows:

Online sale of tenders	Date- 10/02/2024 to 26/02/2024
Last date of submission of tenders	Date- 26/02/2024 up to 3.00 pm
Pre Bid Meeting Date and Time	Date- 14/02/2024 at 3.00 pm
Place of Pre Bid Meeting	Office of City Engineer, PCMC Main Building Pimpri, Pune - 411018
Date of opening of tenders	Date- 27/02/2024 at 3.00 pm (if possible)

The Municipal Commissioner PCMC reserves the right to accept or reject any tender partially or completely without any reason thereof. The details of above works, such as Security Deposit, Earnest Money Deposit, Terms & Conditions of the Tender and Schedule of works, are available on web site www.pcmcindia.gov.in, http://mahatenders.gov.in.

In case of any technical problem related to the tender document, the same can be referred to the NIC email support at eproc@nic.in or on telephone numbers 0120-4200462, 0120-4001002, 0120-4001005,0120-627787.

SD/-
(Makarand Nikam)
City Engineer,
Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation,
Pimpri, Pune – 411 018.

ADVT No: **535**
No: ENGG/TEN/14/WS/12/2024
Date :- 09/02/2024

KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT
Revenue Department, M.S. Building, Bengaluru

NO:E-RD 203 GRC 2023 Date:25.01.2024

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, upon considering the reports of the Director General Police, CID, Special Unit & Economic Offences, Bengaluru and after due investigation of the complaints of depositors it has come to the notice of the Government, that the M/s Green Buds Agro Farm Company Private Limited is involved in fraudulent transactions by clandestinely and illegally collecting deposits or money from the general public and thereafter have failed to return the same either after maturity or on demand made by the depositors or complainants with promised interest and other assured benefits and thereby have failed to render the services promised to them.

And whereas, it has further come to the notice of the Government that M/s Green Buds Agro Farm Company Private Limited and people associating with them have been acquiring lands, movable and immovable properties, cash and others from and out of the deposits or money so collected, from the depositors or complainants and thereby deviating from the intended purposes of accepting the deposits or money.

And whereas, the Government has reason to believe that the actions of M/s Green Buds Agro Farm Company Private Limited and people associating with them are acting in and detrimental to the interest of the depositors or complainants whose intention was to defraud the innocent depositors, and it has become necessary to protect the interest of the depositors of the M/s Green Buds Agro Farm Company Private Limited.

And whereas, now the Government after considering the report of the Special Officer and Competent Authority IMA and Competent Authority M/s Green Buds Agro Farm Company Private Limited and satisfying itself about the urgent need to protect the interest of the depositors and in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Karnataka Protection of interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 30 of 2005) hereby makes the following order, namely:

"ORDER"

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Karnataka Protection of interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 30 of 2005), the Government under the circumstances stated above having satisfied that in order to protect the interest of depositors it is necessary to attach the movable and immovable property believed to belong to M/s Green Buds Agro Farm Company Private Limited. Therefore, the Government hereby attaches immovable property as specified in the Annexure to this order believed to have been acquired by the M/s Green Buds Agro Farm Company Private Limited either in itsown name or in the name of any other person from and out of thedeposits collected by the M/s Green Buds Agro Farm Company Private Limited and where it transpires that such money or such other properties of the said financial establishments, or the personal assets of the promoters, partners, directors, managers or members or any other person of the said financial establishments is not sufficient for the repayment of the deposits or interest or such other assured benefits to the depositors.

Note: All the aforesaid immovable property, from the date of publication of this order in the Official Gazette, shall forthwith vest with the Competent Authority, who has been appointed by the Government, pending further orders from the Special Court.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Karnataka
Sd/-
(Anwar Basha)
Deputy Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department
(Services-1, SSLR & Special Cell)

Annexure

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂ.	ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿವರ (ಚಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ ಒಳಗೊಂಡಂತೆ)	ದಾಖಲೆಗಳ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಮಾಲೀಕ	ದಾಖಲಾತಿ ವಿವರ	ಖರೀದಿ ದರ (ರೂ. ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ದರ (ರೂ. ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಷರಾ
1	ವಿಜಯನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಕೂಡ್ಲಿಗಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕೂಡ್ಲಿಗಿ ಪಟ್ಟಣದ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–ಕೂಡ್ಲಿಗಿ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಖಾತೆ ನಂ.152/1, 152/2 (PID No:4-3-44) ಡೋರ್ ನಂ. 46/2ರಲ್ಲಿ 12.5 X 30 ಚ.ಅಡಿ ಮತ್ತು 46/3 ರಲ್ಲಿ 12.5X 30 ಚ.ಅಡಿ ಒಟ್ಟು 750 ಚ.ಅಡಿಗಳ ಜಾಗ ಮತ್ತು ಕಟ್ಟಡ **ಚಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ:–** ಪೂರ್ವ: ರಸ್ತೆ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ: ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ.ಸತ್ಯನಾರಾಯಣಶೆಟ್ಟಿರವರ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಉತ್ತರ: ರಸ್ತೆ ದಕ್ಷಿಣ: ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಸತ್ಯನಾರಾಯಣಶೆಟ್ಟಿರವರ ಸ್ವತ್ತು	ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಚನ್ನ ಶೇಖರ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಬಿ.ರಾಮಶೆಟ್ಟಿ	ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ಕೂಡ್ಲಿಗಿ ಇವರು ವಿಶೇಷಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಕ್ಷಮ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಐ ಎಂ ಎ ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ವಂಚನೆ ಪ್ರಕರಣಗಳು ಇವರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುವ ವರದಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ:11.09.2023	–	*	ದೂಷಿತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗೆ ಕಟ್ಟಡವನ್ನು ಬಾಡಿಗೆ / ಭೋಗ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ನೀಡಿದ್ದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಭದ್ರತಾ ಠೇವಣಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 3,80,000/–ಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆದಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಸಕ್ಷಮ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಖಾತೆಗೆ ಜಮೆ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. * ಮೌಲ್ಯಮಾಪನ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಮೌಲ್ಯಮಾಪಕರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು

No. E-RD 203 GRC 2023

Sd/-
(Anwar Basha)
Deputy Secretary to Government
Revenue Department (Services-1 SSLR &Special Cell)

DIPR/DD-C.P/3449/KSMCA/2023-24

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People exercising at a gym. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCK

Housing gyms in residential properties

Developers are investing big on gyms with cutting-edge features, the best of trainers, and by getting sports consultants to design them

Until a decade ago, only luxury properties had gyms on their premises. Today, gyms have become mandatory at most real estate developments in Chennai.

From gyms, yoga rooms, open spaces for cricket and football, to indoor halls for badminton and tennis, builders are offering a variety of options for residents to engage in fitness activities. Homebuyers are also preferring projects, which provide such facilities, especially post-pandemic.

"As societal trends shift towards healthier living and increased focus on fitness, developers are adapting to these lifestyle changes. Including a gym reflects an understanding of contemporary preferences and positions the development as responsive to current trends," says G. Diliban, Managing Director of Etica Developers, a firm that primarily focuses on the luxury segment.

"In a competitive real estate market, developers look for ways to differentiate their projects. Offering on-site fitness facilities can be a unique selling point that attracts potential buyers or tenants, enhancing the overall appeal of the development. Real estate developers recognise that investments in health and wellness amenities can contribute to the long-term value of the property," he says.

T.S.S. Krishnan, CEO of Appaswamy Real Estates Limited, says consumers do look for facilities like gyms while considering a property. But the usage is not proportionate to the excitement, he observes.

While high-end projects have gyms spread across 2,500 sq.ft. to 3,000 sq.ft., the smaller and mid-sized projects have gyms with an average size of 400 sq.ft. to 1,500 sq.ft.

Investments are also huge – in terms of upgrading equipment and getting the best trainers. Property developers are investing anywhere between ₹25 lakh and a few crores on gyms. Apart from this, there is a maintenance cost, which depends on each property. Ballpark estimates show that maintenance alone works up to anywhere between ₹10,000 and ₹1 lakh a month.

According to Navin Kumar, EC Member of the Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Association of India (CREDAI) Chennai, and Director, Navin's, the budgets for gyms depend on the location of the project, the type of development and the builder. The profile of homebuyers also matters, he says. "If it's a property which has senior citizens, you need treadmills for walking and lesser equipment. Whereas if your property is situated in an IT corridor, where many youngsters purchase properties, you need to have a high-end gym with all facilities; and here you also need to constantly upgrade the equipment."

He also pointed out that since many gyms are inside clubhouses, the membership fee is utilised for the maintenance of the gyms.

"When it comes to investment for gym spaces in our properties on a calculated basis for interiors, it'll cost about ₹10 lakh; and for all the gym equipment, it would be anywhere between ₹15 lakh and ₹20 lakh. So roughly we invest about ₹25 lakh-₹30 lakh on the gym at each of our properties," Diliban says.

Vimesh P., Senior Vice President of Marketing, Casagrand, explains how spaces are allocated for gyms.

"We tailor the size of our gyms based on the number of units within each community. For instance: projects with 120 to 250 units typically offer a gym space of approximately 750 sq.ft. Projects with 250 to 400 units feature a gym area of around 1,200 sq.ft. And communities exceeding 1,500 units enjoy a spacious gym spanning approximately 3,000 sq.ft."

Design and research

Real estate developers are roping in consultants who can advise them on how to set up gyms. Rajendra Joshi, Director of Urbanrise, says, "We work closely with experienced designers and layout specialists to create aesthetically pleasing and functional gym spaces. From cutting-edge cardio machines to innovative strength-training equipment, we offer residents a diverse range of options catering to their fitness goals. Meticulously designed with space optimisation, ergonomic layouts, and modern aesthetics, gyms promote the well-being of residents."

Gyms are also designed by sports consultants.

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Constant upgrades

Vimesh of Casagrand explains that their dedicated interior design team conducts extensive research to create gyms that cater to the diverse needs of the residents. "From specialised flooring to tailored equipment selection, every detail is carefully crafted to enhance accessibility and comfort," he says.

"Additionally, we incorporate interactive elements such as boxing corners and simulation gyms to offer residents a great environment, surpassing international standards in quality and innovation," he adds.

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INBRIEF

Amit Shah on a two-day visit to Mysuru from today

Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Amit Shah *(in picture)* is on a two-day visit to Mysuru from Saturday to participate in various programmes.

Mr. Shah will arrive around 10.50 p.m. at the Mysuru airport and stay overnight in a hotel here. On Sunday, he will visit Goddess Chamundeshwari temple atop Chamundi hills and later proceed to Suttur to participate in a function as a part of the ongoing Jathra Mahotsava. He will participate in a party meeting at a hotel, before leaving the city on a special flight in the evening. Speaking in Bengaluru, party State president B.Y. Vijayendra said discussion on candidates for the Lok Sabha polls is on the cards during the meeting.

Centre deaf to State's demand on drought relief: Reddy

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah have become deaf towards Karnataka's demand for compensation for handling severe drought that has gripped 223 of the 236 taluks in the State, alleged Transport and Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department Minister Ramalinga Reddy *(in picture)*.

Speaking to reporters here on Friday, he said Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who was elected to the Rajya Sabha from the State, too "is both blind and deaf" towards the State's plea for its share in taxes. The Centre, he alleged, was deliberately denying share to the State to bring bad name to the Congress government ahead of the Lok Sabha elections.

Mandya bandh called by Hindutva groups evokes muted response

Several local organisations had not extended support, and eventually both Opposition parties — BJP and its ally JD(S) — also backed out. The call was given following the Keragodu flag incident

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

No impact: Shops, hotels, and other business establishments remained open in Mandya town on Friday.

The Mandya bandh called by Hindutva organisations over the Keragodu flag incident evoked muted response and life was normal across the town on Friday.

Though normal life was affected in Keragodu village, which is about 20 km away from Mandya, there was no untoward incident as security had been tightened across the region.

In Mandya town, shops, hotels, and other business establishments remained open and autorickshaw unions and local traders had opposed the bandh call.

Bike rally

Hindutva activists took out a bike rally from Keragodu to Mandya town and about 300 people took part in it. From the Anjaneya temple, the activists marched to the Deputy Commissioner's office and sat on a dharna.

The activists said if permission to hoist the saffron flag with Hanuman's image was not issued, they would rework their strategy and action plan and vowed to fly the flag at the same flagpole in the days ahead.

The BJP, along with the JD(S), had called for a Mandya bandh in protest against the lowering of the saffron flag from a 108-foot-tall flagpole at Keragodu and replacing it with the national tricolour. However, several local organisations, had not extended support. Eventually, the two Opposition parties backed out of the Mandya bandh call.

The entry of JD(S) leader and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, who joined the padayatra in Mandya town – a day after the controversy broke out – and wore a saffron shawl, queered the pitch as the JD (S), which has strong roots in the district, backed the agitation to the hilt in the initial days.

Only 'moral support'

But with the former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda scoffing at the developments, the party leaders and workers backed off and only offered "moral support". The BJP on its part found itself caught between religious sentiments associated with the saffron flag and nationalism represented by the tricolour and did not want to be seen opposing either of them and backtracked.

The nondescript village in Mandya district hit the headlines on January 28 following the move of authorities to lower the saffron flag from a pole erected on a government land and replace it with the national tricolour, citing norms. This triggered a political backlash with the BJP and the JD(S) accusing the Congress of adopting an "anti-Hindu" stance.

Kalasa-Banduri project: NBWL defers decision on State's application

Rishikesh Bahadur Desai
BELAGAVI

A file photo of the work on the Mahadayi river diversion project in Belagavi district.

The National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) has deferred a decision on Karnataka's application for the diversion of forest land for the construction of the Kalasa nala irrigation projects in the Mahadayi basin.

In a meeting held in New Delhi on January 30, the NBWL's standing committee cited multiple reasons such as the matter pending before courts and non-receipt of approval from the National Tiger Conservation Authority as the reasons for the postponement of the decision. While Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the Chairman of the NBWL, Yogendra Yadav, Minister for Forests and Ecology, is the chairman of the standing committee. Mr. Yadav headed the January 30 meeting.

For use of forest land

The proposal was for the use of around 11 hectares of forest land situated on the tiger corridor between Kali and Sahyadri tiger reserves. This is supposed to be for the construction of a diversion weir, jack well-cum-pump house, electrical substation, pipeline and power line at Kanakumbi and other villages. This is part of the State government's project for the construction of Kalasa Nala Diversion Scheme in Khanapur taluk of Belagavi district.

"The proposal has been recommended by the Chief Wildlife Warden, the Karnataka State Board for Wildlife and the State government. The NTCA has mentioned that the matter is *sub judice* and therefore not provided any comment on it as such. After discussions, the standing committee decided that the comments on the proposal shall be sought from the NTCA in accordance with the Wildlife Protection Act. Accordingly, the proposal was deferred for the next meeting," as per the minutes of the meeting, informed a senior officer. The date of the next meeting is yet to be announced.

"The cases in question are the separate applications filed by the riparian States of Karnataka seeking higher allotment of water and Goa opposing the project on environmental grounds," the officer in charge of the project said.

The matter is *sub judice*, says standing committee

What farmers say

Vijay Kulkarni, founder president of the Kalasa Banduri Horata Samiti, said, "We have been fighting for over 30 years for this, saying it will change the fortune of farmers in dry land north-west Karnataka. But neither the Union government nor the State government is listening to our woes," he said.

Sidagouda Modagi, Krishik Samaj leader, alleged that the Mahadayi issue is being politicised. "Leaders of all the parties have misused the project as an election plank to gain votes for their candidates and to portray the other parties as anti-farmer," he said.

For drinking water

The total project involves diversion of water from Kalasa and Banduri nalas, tributary streams of the Mahadayi, into the Malaprabha, to supply drinking water to cities in the dry northern plains of Kalyan Karnataka. The major beneficiaries will be towns in Belagavi, Gadag, and Bagalkot districts, along with the twin cities of Hubballi and Dharwad.

'40% commission': It is BJP's turn to hit back at Congress

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With Karnataka State Contractors' Association president D. Kempanna alleging that "40% commission" practice is continuing even in the Congress government, the BJP, which faced a similar allegation when in power in the previous term, has now hit back at the ruling party.

The former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, whose government faced allegations of corruption and was on the receiving end of a massive campaign ahead of the Assembly election last year, said, "Every step of the Vidhana Soudha has a story to tell on the corruption in the Congress government."

BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra said, "In reality, the kickback is 80% and not just 40%."

Charge against officials

At a press conference on Thursday, Mr. Kempanna said, "According to my information, 40% commission culture is still prevalent in the Congress government. When the BJP was in power, the MLAs and MPs were asking the money. However, now, officials are asking for money."

Refuses to name them

He refused to name the officials as at least five officers have filed defamation cases against him for making allegations and there is a restraining order as well. He alleged that if contractors do not pay a bribe, officials do not release bills and issue work orders. "The State is controlled by these officers," he alleged. Mr. Kempanna, however, added that the association had met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah multiple times and "about 50% of the problem is now resolved".

CM responds

When allegations against the Congress government was brought to his attention, Mr. Siddaramaiah said, "They can take the complaint to the committee headed by the retired High Court judge H.N. Nagamohan Das which is already probing the 40% commission allegation." The committee has been set up by the Congress government to probe the corruption allegations levelled by the contractors' association during the BJP regime.

Sumalatha meets Prime Minister

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Independent Lok Sabha member from Mandya Sumalatha Ambareesh called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi on Friday.

A day after meeting BJP national president J.P. Nadda and party general secretary (Organisation) B.L. Santhosh, Independent Lok Sabha member Sumalatha Ambareesh on Friday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Parliament in Delhi.

After the meeting, the actor-turned-politician heaped praises on the Prime Minister and quoted him as saying, "We will continue to work together." Ms. Sumalatha had extended her support to the BJP during the Karnataka Assembly elections last year.

This follows her meeting with BJP national leaders J.P. Nadda and B.L. Santhosh

Mandya constituency has become a contentious issue, with the BJP's alliance partner Janata Dal (Secular) as well as Ms. Sumalatha pitching for it in the upcoming Lok Sabha election. The Mandya MP had defeated Nikhil Kumaraswamy, JD(S) youth wing president and son of the former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, in the 2019 election.

Thanking the Prime Minister for his "words of encouragement and most invaluable insights", she said, "These moments will remain as an inspiration for me during my time in the service of the people."

In a post on X, she further said, addressing Mr. Modi, "As the last session of the 17th Lok Sabha is coming to an end, I look back in pride at my journey and It was indeed a privilege to have served as a Member of Parliament during your tenure, And I will take your parting words, "We will continue to work together" as a symbol of continued faith in my service of the great people of Mandya, Karnataka and our great nation."

MoU signed

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Azim Premji University and the Directorate of Census Operations, Karnataka, on Friday signed a memorandum of understanding to set up a dedicated workstation at the university's Bengaluru campus to facilitate research on anonymised raw census data, according to a press release.

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KPP PORTAL TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited through KPP Portal by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D. Bangalore Urban, in Two Cover System for PU College Toilets Grants & 4235-02-102-0-06-133 Special Grants (ICDS) Works. The work details can be obtained from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website. The Tender Documents can be obtained and Submitted **on or before 26-02-2024 upto 4.00 PM.** Further details can be obtained from Website at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact this office during office working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
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Short Term Tender Notification (Two Cover Sysytem)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division, Ballari invites the tenders for the works detailed in the table from the eligible contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works Department, through e-procurement portal. Two cover tender procedure as per KTPP Act shall be followed. The tender documents can be downloaded through the web-site https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ For any additional information the tenderers may contact the office of the undersigned during office working hours. **TABLE**

Sl No	Details of Works	Amount of Estimate (Rs. in Lakhs)
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Note : Any changes either in tender dates or any other conditions, tenderers can view in e_Procurement Portal.

1)Last dates for queries (through e-procurement portal: **13-02-2024 upto 12.00 Hours**

2)Last date for submission of tenders through e-procurement portal: **17-02-2024 upto 16.00 Hours.** 3)Date and time of opening of Technical Bids: **19-02-2024 at 16.30 Hours in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
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(1) Details ; Date of Tender Notification ; 10-02-2024 11.30am **(2)** Last date for submission of Tender documentes ; 01-03-2024 5.30pm **(3)** Date of submission for objections : 19-02-2024 5.30 pm **(4)** Date of opening of Technical Bid ; 02-03-2024 4.30pm **(5)** Date of Opening of Financial Bid ; 06-03-2024 4.30pm **(6)** Estimated Tender Amount ; 56,18,000/- **(7)** EMD Amount ; 1,40,450/- **(8)** Place of Tender Opening ; DHO Office Vijayanagara

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KPTCL invites bids against the following Bid Enquiry Nos.

1) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/2023-24/SS/WORK_INDENT 479/CALL-2 for Replacement of 1X10MVA, 110/11KV transformer by 1X20MVA, 110/11KV transformer without switchgears at **110KV Yadwad** S/S in Gokak Taluk, Belagavi District.

2) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/2023-24/SS/WORK_INDENT 480/CALL-2 for Replacement of 1X10MVA, 110/11KV transformer by 1X20MVA, 110/11KV transformer without switchgears at **110KV Kuligod** S/S in Mudalagi Taluk, Belagavi District.

The detailed notification regarding the works called through KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **12.02.2024.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (Ele), Tr. (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Nehru Nagar, Belagavi-590010. Ph: 0831-2950836.**

Misconception drives under-prescription of ORS

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Most healthcare providers in developing countries know that Oral Rehydration Salts (ORS) are a life-saving and inexpensive treatment for diarrhoea in children, but few prescribe it. Taking a closer look at this know-do gap, a new study has found that healthcare providers assume that patients do not want ORS, and this, in fact, played a major role in under-prescribing ORS.

Diarrhoea is a leading cause of death in children, and lives could be saved with a low-cost and widely available treatment – ORS. However, presently, nearly half of diarrhoeal cases around the world do not receive ORS, according to researchers from institutions in the U.S. and India, including the Department of Economics, Sociology and Statistics, RAND Corporation (U.S.), Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University, Center for Public Policy, Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore, Karnataka, and Sol Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California.

The study published in *Science* used a randomised controlled trial to simultaneously study the role of three leading explanations

Antidote: Corporation health workers preparing oral rehydration solution in Coimbatore. FILE PHOTO

for under-prescribing of ORS - providers might think patients prefer non-ORS treatments such as antibiotics or dislike ORS because of poor taste and perceptions that ORS is not a real medicine; providers could be responding to financial incentives to sell more profitable alternatives (ORS is inexpensive and antibiotics generate nearly double the profit); and ORS stock-outs, the study authors said.

More than 2,000 providers across 253 medium-sized towns in Karnataka and Bihar participated in the study. Standardised patients (actors trained to act as patients) made unannounced visits during which they presented a case of diarrhoea for their two-year-old child. To estimate the effect of ORS stock-outs, the researchers randomly assigned all providers in half of the 253 towns to receive a six-week supply of ORS.

They found that provider misperceptions that patients do not want ORS play the biggest role in the underprescribing of ORS. They estimated that provider misperceptions explained 42% of underprescribing, whereas stock-outs and financial incentives explained only 6% and 5% respectively.

The study said 28% providers prescribed/dispensed ORS when standardised patients expressed no preference, and 55% prescribed ORS when they expressed ORS preference.

A press release from the University of Southern California, said these results could be used to design interventions that encourage patients and caretakers to express preference for ORS when seeking care.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday

TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Cold wave conditions likely at isolated places over Rajasthan and Gangetic West Bengal. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Vidarbha

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	25.8	11.1	Kozhikode	—	35.4	25.2
Ahmedabad	—	28.8	14.4	Kurnool	—	38.5	23.1
Aizawl	—	23.8	7.4	Lucknow	—	23.7	6.7
Allahabad	—	24.6	7.4	Madurai	—	34.2	21.6
Bengaluru	—	33.2	18.4	Mangaluru	—	32.8	24.0
Bhopal	—	25.5	9.0	Mumbai	—	32.0	19.2
Bhubaneswar	—	29.2	17.5	Mysuru	—	34.0	—
Chandigarh	—	22.5	6.4	New Delhi	—	24.0	6.8
Chennai	—	31.5	24.0	Patna	—	24.6	8.1
Coimbatore	—	34.1	20.4	Port Blair	—	30.5	22.7
Dehradun	—	21.0	5.8	Puducherry	—	31.2	22.4
Gangtok	1.2	14.3	6.3	Pune	—	35.5	16.7
Goa	—	32.8	22.6	Raipur	—	29.2	15.1
Guwahati	—	25.6	10.2	Ranchi	—	23.8	9.7
Hubballi	—	36.0	21.0	Shillong	—	15.0	3.5
Hyderabad	—	33.5	20.9	Shimla	—	17.0	5.0
Imphal	—	23.6	5.3	Srinagar	—	11.5	-4.8
Jaipur	—	23.7	8.7	Thiruvananthapuram	—	35.6	22.1
Kochi	—	32.4	24.6	Tiruchi	—	33.5	22.0
Kohima	—	15.0	4.4	Vijayawada	—	32.3	23.0
Kolkata	—	24.5	14.0	Visakhapatnam	—	30.2	23.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	5	39	70	162	112	
Bengaluru	14	21	40	95	129	
Chennai	4	35	62	151	150	
Delhi	13	214	59	146	164	
Hyderabad	4	33	50	77	116	
Kolkata	21	61	13	108	124	
Lucknow	15	45	59	102	130	
Mumbai	—	250	—	130	139	
Pune	106	145	113	160	123	
Visakhapatnam	13	29	24	104	120	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Araria, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 323 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Maihar, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 23

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Centre accounts for 60% of India's debt, Kerala tells SC

We account for a miniscule 1.70-1.75% of total debt, says Kerala in response to Centre's allegation that it is one of the most financially unhealthy States that indulged in reckless borrowing

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The State of Kerala told the Supreme Court on Friday that the Union government accounts for approximately 60% of the total debt or outstanding liabilities of India.

The statement in the top court was a retort to an accusation by the Centre that Kerala was "one of the most financially unhealthy States".

Kerala said all the States put together account for the rest of the 40% of the total debt of the country. "In fact, Kerala accounts for a miniscule 1.70-1.75% of the total debt of the Centre and the States put together for the period 2019-2023," the State, represented by advocate C.K. Sasi, noted. The exchange

Kerala had filed a suit in SC accusing the Centre of undue interference in financial issues.

came in an original suit filed by Kerala criticising the Centre of undue interference, amounting to encroachment in the legislative and executive power of the State, to manage its own affairs. Kerala has accused the Centre of adopting policies and making amendments in law devised to push States to penury. A note submitted by the Attorney General of India said "reckless borrowing" indulged by States like Kerala affects the credit rating of the country.

In response, Kerala pointed to the Union's "dismal record of reining in its own debt". The State urged the court to go through the International Monetary Fund (IMF), 2023 Data Mapper which reveals "the glaring fiscal under-performance of the Union government in managing its own finances over the last decade. It said the IMF country report 2023 had warned that "India's debt could exceed 100% of the GDP in the medium term".

"This places India in the group of countries where the debt exceeds its GDP. This makes India financially risky and vulnerable to macroeconomic destabilisation. India debt is the highest among its peer group in the emerging market economies of the world," Kerala highlighted.

On the issue of "reckless borrowings", Kerala said the Union has not conformed with the Finance Commission recommendations and was expected to close this year with a borrowing of ₹11.80 lakh crore in 2023-2024.

On the Centre's accusation that it had indulged in unproductive expenditure or poorly targeted subsidies, the State hit back, saying the latest Union Budget figures show that the Centre had spent in excess of ₹3.25 lakh crore on subsidies alone in the current fiscal year. The State said the note was an attempt to disparage Kerala's financial management in a very myopic manner by representing an incomplete and misleading picture.

Scientific progress possible only with harmony: Kerala CM

The Hindu Bureau
KASARAGOD

Underscoring the duty of citizens to foster scientific curiosity and rational thinking, as outlined in Article 51 of the Constitution, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has cautioned against efforts to undermine these principles in favour of religious ideologies devoid of logic.

Inaugurating the 36th Kerala Science Congress organised by the Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE), at the Government Arts and Science College here on Friday, Mr. Vijayan called for vigilance against such tendencies, particularly among those in positions of Constitutional authority.

Drawing parallels with history, the Chief Minister invoked the plight of Albert Einstein who was forced to flee a Germany entrenched in racism. He said scientific progress and the ethos of scientific inquiry cannot flourish in societies marred by hatred and prejudice, emphasising the symbiotic relationship between scientific advancement and social harmony.

The Chief Minister also spoke on the need to balance scientific pursuits with ethical considerations.

IS operative gets 10-year rigorous imprisonment and fine

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

Riyas Aboobacker, an alleged Islamic State (IS) operative, was sentenced to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of ₹1.25 lakh imposed on him by a Special Court for the National Investigation Agency in Kochi on Friday.

He had been spreading the IS ideology through social media platforms for several years.

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O.S. NO. 26897/2022
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ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068. Represented by its Debt Collection Manager and POA Holder Sri Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Sri Kantharaju ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Sri Kantharaju, S/o Sri Pillappa, Aged about 33 years, No. 212, Iggalur Village, Chandapura Post, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore- 560 099.
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Australia exploring opening university in Karnataka

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Australia is exploring possibilities to expand the operations of its universities to Karnataka, according to Higher Education Minister M.C. Sudhakar. ''To start with, it is going to be an agriculture university. The proposal came to me, and I have put the concerned authority from Australia in touch with our Agriculture Ministry," the Minister told *The Hindu*.

He further said Hilary McGeachy, Australian Consul General in Bengaluru, had a discussion with him a couple of weeks ago regarding establishing an Australian university in Karnataka. He was speaking at the Australia Day event here on Friday.

"India and Australia share a strong bond. We have many things in common. We both were colonised by the British, we love cricket, and India's Republic Day on January 26 coincides with Australia Day, the country's official national day," said the Minister. "We are eager to welcome the best universities from all over the world with open arms," Mr. Sudhakar said.

Meanwhile, New Zealand on Thursday signed multiple MoUs with the State government to open eight universities, according to industry sources.

Prudence prevails

Policymakers must continue to keep the focus on slowing price gains

The RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has prudently opted to persist with its objective of 'ensuring that inflation progressively aligns to the target' by keeping benchmark interest rates unchanged, and sticking with its stance of 'withdrawal of accommodation'. With a 5-1 majority, it has committed to keeping monetary policy unambiguously disinflationary so as to anchor inflation expectations, especially at a time when 'large and repetitive price shocks are interrupting the pace of disinflation'. On the rationale to leave the repo rate unchanged at 6.5% for a sixth straight meeting, Governor Shaktikanta Das observed that while domestic economic momentum remained strong, uncertainties in food prices continued to impinge on the headline inflation trajectory. The tangible risk that food price pressures could become more generalised and impact broader headline inflation was the main consideration, he explained. That the majority of the MPC was aligned in prioritising the battle against inflation needs to be seen in the backdrop of the recent trends in retail inflation. Headline retail inflation, which had eased from July's 15-month peak of 7.4% to 4.87% in October, however, rebounded to a four-month high of 5.69% in December, with food price gains gauged by the Consumer Food Price Index racing ahead to 9.53%, a sizeable 292 basis points faster than October's 6.61%.

That the uncertainty surrounding food price gains has begun to vex policymakers is reflected in a recent RBI Bulletin article that pointedly sought to find an answer to the question, 'Are Food Prices the 'True' Core of India's Inflation?'. Concluding that there is enough empirical evidence to support an assertion that 'there are times when food inflation mimics core inflation', the officials caution that given food's substantial share in the consumption basket, large and repeated food price shocks have the potential to ripple outward and undermine the goal of price stability by de-anchoring inflation expectations. The MPC's downward revision of its projection for average retail inflation in the January-March quarter to 5.0%, 20 basis points lower than its December forecast, reflects the small comfort policymakers have taken from the improvement in *rabi* sowing as well as a seasonal correction in vegetable prices. Still, the Department of Consumer Affairs' daily price monitoring dashboard shows the average retail price of more than two-thirds of the key food items it tracks remained higher on a year-on-year basis as on February 8. Policymakers need to stay steadfast in their resolve to durably slow price gains towards the 4% target or risk dampening consumption and thereby undermining the growth momentum.

A failed coup

Lula should not allow the case against Bolsonaro to fracture Brazil's polity

Brazilian police's startling allegations that former President Jair Bolsonaro, his allies and some military officers had attempted to stage a coup, after the 2022 presidential election, expose both the structural fault lines and political challenges the young South American democracy faces. The police adds that they were involved in spreading propaganda on voter fraud, pushing for new elections, recruiting troops to organise a coup, bringing judges under surveillance and encouraging the mob to stage protests defying the results. Well before the elections, Mr. Bolsonaro had raised doubts about the election systems. He had refused to concede defeat to his leftist rival Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, while his far-right supporters continued their protests, which culminated in the January 2023 riots at Brazil's Congress, Supreme Court and Presidential office. A court has ordered Mr. Bolsonaro to surrender his passport, and three of his allies and the head of his party have been arrested. The far-right leader, under whose watch Brazil's economy tanked, social tensions rose, the health-care system crumbled under the weight of COVID-19, and institutions came under attack, says the allegations are politically motivated. But he does not have an easy way out of the mess.

Those who were in power being targeted by the system is nothing new in Brazil. Former leftist President Dilma Rousseff was impeached in 2016 on charges of violating budget rules. Lula, the incumbent President, spent 580 days in jail between his terms, on a corruption conviction, which was later annulled by the Supreme Court. While Ms. Rousseff and Lula were accused of corruption and fell prey to the powerful lobbies in Brazil's Congress and judiciary, the charges against Mr. Bolsonaro, a defender of the brutal dictatorship of 1964-1985, are far more serious. Democracy remains fragile and for the military, memories of the dictatorship are still fresh. Any attempt by politicians or officers to defy the election process and undermine democracy should be dealt with utmost seriousness. But it should be done as per the law, avoiding political vendetta. Lula returned to power on promises that he would strengthen democracy and enable prosperity and growth. His hands are full. He should also make sure that there are impartial investigations and the truth about the riots and the alleged coup plot is uncovered. Earlier, the 'car wash' scandal had exposed deep-rooted corruption in the political system, which led to the weakening of Lula's Workers' Party and the rise of the far-right. He should not allow the coup scandal to further fracture the country's polity and erode the legitimacy of its democratic system.

Mandal, Mandir, and now Market

Vinay Sitapati

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The three forces that define today's India were unleashed in the 12 months between August 1990 and August 1991. Thirty-three years later, it is these forces that are finally being rewarded with India's highest civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna.

The first force, Mandal, was unleashed in August 1990, when the V.P. Singh-led government announced 'backward caste' quotas in central government jobs. While reservations for Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes had been recognised in the Constitution itself, quotas for middle castes began in the southern States from the 1950s. Their adoption in the northern States was symbolised in the 1970s by Bihar Chief Minister Karpoori Thakur. And, in 1990, they became central government policy through the implementation of the Mandal Commission report.

The second force that defines today's India is the building of a Ram temple in Ayodhya. The movement began in the early 1980s and was adopted by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) as a political issue only later. As I argue in my book, *Jugalbandi: The BJP Before Modi*, L.K. Advani's *rath yatra* on a converted Toyota, from Somnath to Ayodhya, that began in September 1990, was a signal to the movement faithful that the party was finally with them.

The third force unleashed on India was Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao's liberalisation. Like with Mandal and Mandir, the Market's journey had begun earlier. Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi had tried to free the economy from red tape but lacked the political skills to navigate reform. It was only in mid-1991 that P.V. Narasimha Rao, the most skilled of political operators, overcame his many political handicaps to finally open up the economy.

They define the leader too

These three forces of Mandal, Mandir, and Market continue to define India; indeed, they define Narendra Modi himself. The consecration of the Ram temple last month brought the decades-long movement to its culmination. Mr. Modi's BJP now brands itself as a backward caste party. As the scholar, Nalin Mehta, has shown in his book, the *New BJP*, the party's candidates and voters represent lower caste Hindus, not just upper castes. The third 'M', markets, is just as central to Mr. Modi's politics. He is spending unprecedented amounts on the capital expenditure required for business to grow, and he has improved India's 'ease of doing business'. The recent choice of Bharat Ratna recipients – conferred on Karpoori Thakur, L.K. Advani, and Narasimha Rao – is the ultimate sign that Mandal, Mandir, and Market continue to define India today. I will leave it to others to draw lessons from the two other recipients of the Bharat Ratna, i.e., former Prime Minister of India and farm leader Chaudhary Charan Singh and agricultural scientist M.S. Swaminathan. Let me, instead, focus on the politician I know best: P.V. Narasimha Rao.

The conferment of the Bharat Ratna on P.V. Narasimha Rao has lessons for the India of today

A forgotten Prime Minister

When I decided to write his biography in 2014, Indians had forgotten their Prime Minister from 1991 to 1996. An Ivy-League educated scholar on South Asian politics asked me who Narasimha Rao was. On my drive from Hyderabad airport to the office of Narasimha Rao's son for our first interview, my cab driver had barely heard of him and could only say, "He's the man after whom a flyover is named". Rao had been disowned by his own party and forgotten by everyone else (Manmohan Singh being an honourable exception).

Yet, my research showed that Narasimha Rao needed to be resurrected. To help me were 45 cartons of his private papers and over a 100 interviews with those who knew him – from his cook to his physician to his finance minister. It turned out that Narasimha Rao was no bystander. He actively plotted, outmanoeuvring the parliamentary opposition, domestic capitalists, and especially his own Congress party, to open India's economy to the world.

Narasimha Rao's reforms were not confined to economics alone. The former External Affairs Minister reoriented India's foreign policy towards the United States after the fall of the Berlin Wall; he brought in welfare schemes to the national level (thus being the forerunner of today's *labharthi* politics). He also ended militancy in Punjab while managing it in Kashmir. Narasimha Rao had his failures. In the lead up to the demolition of Babri Masjid, the Prime Minister behaved like a politician rather than a statesman (though the allegation that he was part of the conspiracy is without basis). More damaging was his reaction to the anti-Sikh riots in 1984. As Union Home Minister, Narasimha Rao controlled the Delhi police and could have ended the violence. But, he chose to listen to the Prime Minister's Office and do nothing. In my biography of Rao, *Half Lion*, I called it his "vilest hour".

These errors apart, the sheer scale of the transformation Narasimha Rao brought about needs a larger audience. In particular, there are three lessons he holds for politicians today.

The first is that India grows best when politicians trust society rather than the state. In economics, this means being open to the global economy as well as the private sector. This was the common sense view across the world in 1991. Narasimha Rao's genius was to translate this into common practice. Today, this free-market consensus is under threat. The U.S. – once a bastion of free trade – is mouthing tariffs and protectionism. And, for all the talk of "minimum government, maximum governance", the central government seems to think that an economy grows best when the state's hand is clearly visible.

The second lesson is that liberalisation-led growth is a precondition for welfare schemes. For all her talk of 'garibi hatao', Prime Minister Indira Gandhi spent very little to remove poverty; her government simply did not have enough money. What Narasimha Rao's economic reforms did (albeit with a decade-long lag) was to cause a boom in tax revenue. This has enabled the government to spend amounts on the poor that was unthinkable earlier.

When asked about his economic ideology, Narasimha Rao replied, "My model is not Margaret Thatcher but Willy Brandt." He was referring to the social democratic Chancellor of West Germany who, like Narasimha Rao, understood that free market capitalism and state-driven redistribution are two sides of the same coin.

A faith in harmony

The third, perhaps most important, lesson is harnessing the harmony embedded in Indian civilisation. Narasimha Rao was a scholar of Sanskrit and a devout Hindu, as the many astrological charts in his private papers show. But growing up in the Nizam's Hyderabad state, he had Muslim friends. He was also well read in Koranic text and could speak Persian and Urdu with felicity. From this knowledge of both Hinduism and Islam, Narasimha Rao understood the challenges of co-existence, but was hopeful that it was possible.

Amidst Narasimha Rao's private papers, I found a copy of the essay, 'Clash of Civilizations' by the Harvard political scientist Samuel P. Huntington. Written in 1993, the essay paints civilisations at war with one another, in particular, Islam with the West. On the margins, in red ink and in flowing hand, Narasimha Rao had written for his own eyes only: "Why are there only Western examples being given where violence – on some pretext or the other – is the basic propensity". Narasimha Rao argued that "there had been no religious wars in India" and felt that for every example of riots between Hindus and Muslims, there were counterexamples of non-violent co-existence. The ultimate lesson from Narasimha Rao may not be markets, foreign policy, or welfare. It may well be his faith in our civilisational ability to manage religious differences.

The decline of America's leadership

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The traditional strengths of America are its values platform, its military power, its pivotal position in the global financial system, and as a technology pioneer. The energetic pro-American lobby in India advocates ever-closer engagement with the United States, rejecting arguments about its diminishing influence.

This is contradicted by authoritative commentators such as Ian Bremmer ("The US is already the world's most divided and dysfunctional advanced industrial democracy"), Laura Kuenssberg ("Western leaders in 2024 [are] grappling with a world where other dominant countries are less attached to conventional international rules") and Andrew Whitehead ("America's democracy seems to have lost the ability to renew itself") with former U.S. President Donald Trump and current President Joe Biden in the race for a second presidential term.

These experts are supported by Jonathan Freedland ("Not for nothing is there serious concern in the US that January 2025 could open a new chapter of US authoritarianism, even an American dictatorship), Frank Gardner ("The past 12 months have seen a number of setbacks for the US, Europe and other major democracies on the international politics stage...they point to a shifting balance of power away from the US-dominated, Western values that have held sway for years. On many fronts, the wind is blowing in the wrong direction for Western interests") and Niall Ferguson ("The harsh reality is that the US is no longer very good at getting B to do something that B would not otherwise do") which is more than evident in Israel's Gaza war. Ferguson adds that in purchasing power parity, China, in 2023, had an economy that was a fifth larger than that of the U.S. To him American problems were illegal immigration and deficits in the rule of law, secondary education, public health, new technologies, and the national debt rising to $32 trillion.

Washington is failing to use its leverage in the international environment

After the Second World War, the U.S. shaped the rules-based international system. A rules-based order is an abstract concept; in practice it was neither centred on rules nor was it entirely global. It was a power-based system established by the U.S. and its allies, and Washington considered itself exempt from its norms, particularly those prohibiting interference in the internal affairs of other countries. The American wars in Afghanistan and Iraq dissipated America's credibility due to its emphasis on military expeditionism, evidenced by about 750 military bases in 80 countries, though Al Jazeera says the number "may be even higher as not all data is published by the Pentagon".

Polarisation, issue of legitimacy

Actions speak louder than values, and Washington is failing to leverage its standing in the international environment, thereby empowering polarisation politically, economically and culturally. The U.S. withdrew from the Trans-Pacific Partnership that emphasised human rights, transparency and liberal democracy, and also from many other international obligations. While it sought international dominance, domestic polarisation induced ideological separation, rendering cooperation in its two-party system non-existent.

In the West and parts of Asia, open liberalism and globalisation made links of community, family and society brittle, with many feeling excluded from economic progress. Individual freedom was juxtaposed against state, society and law, and the movements of people have resulted in a backlash against immigration, feeding populist movements.

The exercise of power is insufficient to be a dominant geopolitical player; legitimacy is also necessary. The most powerful leaders still crave legitimacy both at home and abroad.

There is now a shift in power equations, with challenges to the legitimacy of institutions and leaderships. Mr. Trump and his supporters openly question the validity of the U.S.'s electoral system. American soft power, such as its entertainment industry, which is non-government and unregulated, balances some negativity, as do enduring alliances in Southeast Asia and Europe, though U.S. complicity with Israel's violence against Palestinians has scrambled all its pre-existing policies in West Asia.

Moves by China and Russia

The leaders of China and Russia are determined to maintain their authoritarian regimes and seek to reshape the international system, using trade, pressure and diasporic ties to obstruct the spread of western democratic values that have held sway for decades. In parts of Asia and Africa, western liberalism is often interpreted at worst as a smoke screen for neo-imperialism, and at best as an insensitive expression of American and European arrogance. And although there is no chance of dethroning the international financial settlement infrastructure soon, BRICS' policies seem to herald a contest between local currencies and the dollar because the risks in the current dollar-centric system are unacceptably high.

U.S.-China security and economic competition is the central issue in the world today, and will be potentially dangerous in the years to come. China campaigns to project power with traditional and non-traditional techniques, such as the Confucius Institutes, TikTok and gaming. Its prowess in high technology and geo-engineering inspire admiration, along with its programme of overseas infrastructure financing unmatched by any other country. Due to internal dissonance, the U.S. has failed to assume leadership in Artificial Intelligence when compared to China and the European Union, which are setting the standards.

Whether or not the U.S. remains "the indispensable nation", as former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright termed it, India should develop an advantageous relationship with America while keeping in mind its deficiencies.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A self pat

There is no doubt that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's achievements during the 10-year rule of the Bharatiya Janata Party government such as the dilution of Article 370 and the consecration of the Ram Temple are commendable but his government is trying to create an impression that only the present BJP leadership is the saviour of the country and that earlier governments did nothing. How can one undermine the Congress's contribution, from its key role in securing Independence, the nationalisation of banks, industrialisation, the ushering in of science and technology, reforms in the financial sector and so on? Nation building is not confined to one individual or party.

Kshirasagara Balaji Rao,
Hyderabad

Opposition's lack of punch

It is surprising that the Opposition, especially the Congress, has been so weak in countering the BJP's "white paper". Had Members of the Opposition done their homework, they could have had the government pinned to the ropes on just the issue of demonetisation. After watching the proceedings in Parliament yesterday, the Opposition has been a huge disappointment and it was the BJP that stole the show.

R. Vaidyanathan,
Bengaluru

The shadow of politics

The unprecedented long list of people being conferred the Bharat Ratna this year seems to be reflective of the shrewd political strategy of the BJP which is aimed at 'enticing' a wide range of voters of myriad social, political and cultural leanings. The powerful political narrative being built around Ayodhya, a UCC and the 'North-South divide' is believed by many political scientists to be a game-changer. It remains to be seen whether this political plan will impact the INDIA bloc.

N. Raveendra Babu,
Hyderabad

The highlighting of yoga

Australian Open men's champion and recipient of the *Sportstar* Ace of Aces honour 2024 Rohan Bopanna mentioning how Iyengar Yoga helped him is a point that sportspersons and sport authorities must note. While regular fitness and a wellness regime prescribed by sports physios have a place, the need to have a closer look at yoga is the key message.

B. Sundar Raman,
Coimbatore

GROUND ZERO

Two days after the court verdict, Muslims come out of the Gyanvapi mosque after offering Friday prayers, in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. R.V. MOORTHY

A sense of disquiet in Varanasi

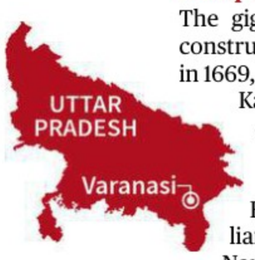
With a district court allowing Hindus to conduct pujas in the southern cellar of Gyanvapi mosque, tensions have risen between the two communities. **Ishita Mishra** reports on the social and structural changes in an ancient city, which have divided people

On a cool, sunny day in February – typical weather for this time in India's Gangetic plains – loud chants of 'Har Har Mahadev' ring through the air inside the heavily guarded Kashi Vishwanath temple in Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi, one of the oldest living cities in the world. Devotees try to weave their way in. There is another line of pilgrims, who have purchased a ticket worth ₹300 each to get a *sugam darshan* (comfortable view) of the deity, Shiva. Each of them is first frisked by security personnel before being let in.

Outside, there is tension in the air. Harassed-looking policemen form a human barricade. Hundreds of Muslims have just finished the Friday prayers in Gyanvapi mosque, which sits next to the temple.

"*Jaldi aage badho* (walk fast)," says a policeman to a group of Muslim boys who stop at a shop outside the temple where some Hindu boys are chanting 'Jai Shree Ram'. "*Nara mat lagao* (don't raise slogans)," he says firmly.

A disputed spot



The gigantic three-domed Gyanvapi mosque, constructed by the Mughal emperor Aurangzeb in 1669, has been standing next to the gold-plated Kashi Vishwanath temple, built by Maratha queen Ahilyabai Holkar in 1780, for centuries. However, the mosque has now become a bone of contention between Hindus and Muslims in Varanasi, the parliamentary constituency of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Hindus say that an ancient Adi Vishweshwar (Shiva) temple was demolished by Aurangzeb and lies beneath the mosque. They want it back. The Muslims wish to retain their prayer space. Their claim to possession is the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, which prohibits the conversion of any place of worship and provides for the maintenance of the religious character of any place of worship as it existed on August 15, 1947, the day of Independence.

The dispute was moved to court in 1991. It intensified in July 2023 when a local court ordered a survey of the Gyanvapi mosque by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to ascertain whether it was "constructed over a pre-existing structure of a Hindu temple". Weeks later, the ASI submitted its report, concluding that a Hindu temple did exist before the construction of the mosque. On January 31, the local court ordered the district administration to perform a puja, *raag, bhog* (worship the deity, offer food, and bathe it) in the southern cellar of the Gyanvapi mosque.

District Magistrate S. Rajalingam acted swiftly on the court order, delivered by judge A.K. Vishvesha on the day of his retirement. He went inside the mosque the same day, instructed that the iron fence and barricades be removed, and placed idols at the spot. The puja was performed by a priest, who was selected by the Kashi Vishwanath temple trust.

Angry over the sudden turn of events, Muslims knocked on the doors of the Allahabad High Court to stop the puja. Hindus have been told that pujas can be conducted by a priest only in the cellar as long as the matter is sub-judice.

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> **S.M. YASIN**
> Joint Secretary of the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee

A tense town

Santosh Kumar, 37, sells *paan* (betel leaves) near the Godaulia Chowk, which leads to the temple. The area is chock-o-block with pedestrians, rickshaws, shanties, and shops selling cloth, souvenirs, and hot food. There is a police picket every 200-300 meters on this busy stretch. "It is our temple, so we must get it. If some sacrifices are required, we are ready for it," he says.

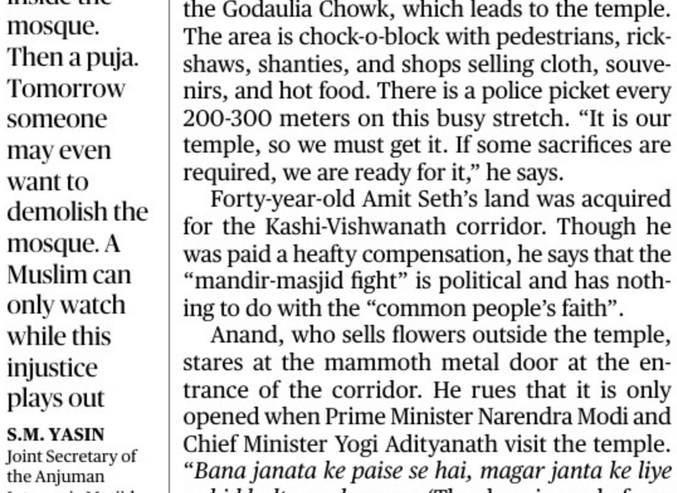
Forty-year-old Amit Seth's land was acquired for the Kashi-Vishwanath corridor. Though he was paid a heafty compensation, he says that the "mandir-masjid fight" is political and has nothing to do with the "common people's faith".

Anand, who sells flowers outside the temple, stares at the mammoth metal door at the entrance of the corridor. He rues that it is only opened when Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath visit the temple. "*Bana janata ke paise se hai, magar janta ke liye nahi khulta ye darwaza* (The door is made from public money, but it is never opened for the public)," he says.

As the sun sets, the crowd swells at the Godaulia Chowk. Pragya Pathak, Deputy Superintendent of Police, along with around 30 personnel, begins a flag march in the adjacent lanes which have a significant Muslim population. She says the flag march is a routine drill as "festivals are approaching".

Mohammad Azaher, 43, a resident, disagrees. "The police are trying to provoke us by conducting these flag marches. It is not required. We have already given up," he says.

S.M. Yasin, joint secretary of the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee, which manages the Gyanvapi mosque, believes that the Central and State governments are involved in the dispute. "An ASI survey was conducted inside the mosque. A puja was conducted inside the mosque. Tomorrow someone may even want to demolish the mosque. A Muslim can only watch while this grave injustice plays out," he says, adding that he has lost faith in the judiciary.



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Yasin wonders why the District Magistrate deemed it so urgent to comply with the court order. "If the administration is so serious about ensuring compliance with court orders, why haven't they opened the Noori Masjid even after the directions of the Supreme Court," he asks.

Located 4 kilometres from the Gyanvapi mosque in the Madanpur area, Noori Masjid is a defaced double storey structure which has been closed for decades. A Shiva temple, the Tilbhandeshwar, is situated 200 m away from it.

"The administration disallows prayers in this mosque citing law and order," says Mohiuddin, who had donated his house to the Waqf Board, a legal body that ensures the proper administration of Waqf, or property donated in the name of god for religious and charitable purposes. His house was later converted into the mosque.

"It was the last wish of my wife Zahida Bibi that our house be converted into a mosque. I won't be able to die in peace as I have failed to fulfil her last wish," he says, waving the Supreme Court order of 2009, delivered by Justice Markandey Katju, which paved the way for prayers in this mosque.

> Soon after the court order, people began cancelling their bookings at our hotel. They are afraid of travelling to Varanasi. They think that it is on the verge of riots
>
> **MANISH CHANDRA**
> Staff at hotel

Residents in the area, who are predominantly Muslim, say that prayers are still not allowed in the mosque despite multiple requests.

District Magistrate Rajalingam says he is aware of the issue, but refuses to comment on why it remains locked up.

Muslims in the city are also unhappy that videos of the puja being performed inside the southern cellar of the Gyanvapi mosque are making the rounds on social media. They believe it is being done to "humiliate" the community.

"The court has said a puja can be performed, but it did not say circulate videos of it to provoke sentiments," says Yasin. Moreover, he says, it is strange that these videos are being circulated when phones are not allowed inside the temple. He alleges that the administration circulated the videos. He also wonders why devotees are allowed to perform *darshan* in the cellar, as this was not in the court order.

Refuting Yasin's allegations, the Chief Executive Officer of the Kashi Vishwanath temple trust and vice-president of Uttar Pradesh Provincial Civil Services Officers Association, Vishwa Bhushan Mishra, says that the administration has not recorded any videos of the puja. "We allowed the pilgrims to have a glimpse of the cellar because there was high demand. Each of them was requesting this. We allowed *darshan* from a distance, which neither disturbs the management of the temple nor creates a law-and-order issue," he says.

The changing character of a city

Vishwambar Nath Mishra is the Mahant or the religious head of Varanasi's second-most visited temple, the Sankat Mochan, which is believed by devotees to have been built by the poet and saint Goswami Tulsidas in the 16th century. The temple is dedicated to Hanuman, a devoted companion of Lord Rama. "Hundreds of ancient temples and mosques have quietly witnessed the transformation of Varanasi over the years," says Mishra. "This dispute is taking away from the city's history of peaceful co-existence."

Mishra believes that Varanasi represents a model of India where all religions and communities live together in peace. "Whatever happened is now in the past. It was accepted by the people, and everyone lived amicably," he says.

Terming the structural and social changes happening in Varanasi as "part of politics," Mishra says they are killing the "soul" of the city.

"Have you seen that giant Kashi Vishwanath corridor built with the red sandstone? Does it match the aesthetics of this city which is famous for its ancient architecture, narrow lanes, spirituality, and harmony? First, they change the face of the town and now they want to keep communities divided," he says, alleging that those fighting the Gyanvapi case are "outsiders".

Lacour Sophie, from Paris, is visiting Varanasi for the second time. She feels there is something missing in the city now. "The narrow lanes near the temple are gone. The ghats look cleaner, but the spirituality is missing. There are more tourists here than pilgrims," she says.

Others disagree and believe that development is important. Tribhuvan Nath, 76, from the Kabirdham district of Chhattisgarh, is staying at Mukti Bhawan, a hostel run by a trust. Here, ailing people check in with the belief that they will attain salvation if they die in Varanasi. Tribhuvan has come with his older brother Nirgun Nath, who suffers from a liver problem.

"My father and mother died in Varanasi. Nirgun will be the fifth person in my family to die here. I have seen this city changing for the good. Earlier, travelling to Varanasi was difficult. Now, the roads are good and so is transport. Even the power supply is uninterrupted," says Tribhuvan.

Nitin and Jagriti Jain, a couple from Ahmedabad, feel that the city has transformed exactly the way it should. "Spirituality and development can go hand in hand. For how long can people keep coming to crowded and narrow lanes with poor accommodation? The Prime Minister's vision is visible in the development of this city," says Jagriti, after giving a sound bite to a television channel praising the court's order of allowing puja inside the Gyanvapi mosque.

Demands and despair

Manish Chandra, who works at a hotel near the temple, says, "Soon after the court order, people began cancelling their bookings in our hotel. They said that they are afraid of travelling to Varanasi as they think that the city is on the verge of riots".

Rajendra Kumar, who owns a saree shop at the city's Maidagin area, says his Muslim workers are fearful. This affects him as the rich Banarasi silk sarees are mostly woven by Muslims, whereas shopkeepers and clients are mostly Hindu.

Firoza Bano, who helps her husband Mumtaz Ahmed in dyeing the silk thread on the veranda of their small dimly lit house in the Reori Talab area, feels that Muslims should hand over the mosque to the Hindus. She asks, "What we will do with the mosque if the future of our children is destroyed?"

Earlier this week, in the State Assembly, Chief Minister Adityanath made a pitch to reclaim the religious sites of Kashi and Mathura where the disputed Gyanvapi and Shahi Idgah mosques are situated. "In the Mahabharata, Krishna asked Duryodhana for five villages for the Pandavas... Hindus are only asking for three shrines, that is, Ayodhya, Kashi, and Mathura," he said.

The situation worries Yasin. "How many mosques will satisfy the Hindus," he asks. He recalls the slogan coined by right-wing groups during the demolition of the Babri Masjid by Hindutva proponents. It went, '*Ayodhya to sirf jhanki hai, abhi Kashi, Mathura baki hai* (Ayodhya is only the trailer, now Kashi and Mathura remain).'

"They have a new slogan now," he says quietly. "It goes, '*Teen nahi tees hazaar, ab na rahegi koi masjid ya mazaar* (Not three but 30,000; now there will be no mosque or tomb).'"

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Swaminathan, Rao, Singh to get Bharat Ratna

The Congress president added that under Rao's government, India embarked on a transformative journey with a series of economic reforms that played a pivotal role in shaping the middle class for generations to come.

Asked about the Bharat Ratna announcements, specifically the award for Rao, Ms. Gandhi said "I welcome them... Why not?"

Rao's grandson, P.V. Subhash, also welcomed the honour. "... I feel very, very emotional because we had been expecting that the recognition will be delayed."

Farmers' leader

Jat and farm leader Singh, who served as PM between 1979 and 1980 at the fag end of India's first non-Congress government, has been given the award at a time when the ruling BJP is negotiating with his grandson, Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) chief Chaudhary Jayant Singh, for an alliance in the upcoming general election.

"Be it as an MLA, as Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister or the country's Home Minister, he always speeded up the nation-building exercise and also stood strongly against the Emergency. Singh's dedication to farmers and commitment to democracy during the Emergency inspires the country," the PM said.

Swaminathan's pioneering role

With regard to Swaminathan, Mr. Modi said that he had "played a pivotal role in helping India achieve self-reliance in agriculture during challenging times and made outstanding efforts towards modernising Indian agriculture. We also recognise his invaluable work as an innovator and mentor and encouraging learning and research among several students."

Five dead, 14 injured in Haldwani protest

Confirming the deaths, Nainital's Senior Superintendent of Police Prahlad Narayan Meena told *The Hindu* that people with severe injuries have been admitted to the Sushila Tiwari Medical College and other hospitals. He added that several policemen had also been injured in the clash and have been treated. The violence broke out in the Muslim-dominated area of Banbhoolpura when a team of police and district administration officials arrived at a spot known as 'Malik Ka Bagicha' to demolish a structure which local residents say was a madrasa where Muslim children studied, and an adjoining masjid where the community offered namaz or Muslim prayers. Ms. Singh, however, said that the destroyed structure had not been registered as a religious structure.

The police managed to disburse the crowd and the demolition was carried out.

A religious leader from Banbhoolpura who did not wish to be named told *The Hindu* that the people who owned the madrasa and the masjid had approached the court against the anti-encroachment notice earlier this week and had been granted a date of hearing on February 14. He added that there was video evidence to prove provocation by the police. "Very cleverly they have suspended the internet in the area so that we are not able to send our voices to the world," he said.

A decision with political overtones

Cong. leadership has long been uneasy with Narasimha Rao's legacy as the first full-term non-Gandhi PM; while he steered India on path of economic reforms, for many, all this was eclipsed by Babri Masjid demolition on his watch; Modi has often said that Cong. has not recognised the talent of Rao

NEWS ANALYSIS

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

The Narendra Modi-led government often looks across the political aisle to award state honours, and the announcement of the Bharat Ratna for former Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao could be part of that pattern. However, Rao's legacy and his complicated relationship with his own party, the Congress, make this a decision pregnant with political meaning.

Both Congress leader Sonia Gandhi and party president Mallikarjun Kharge welcomed the announcement of the honour on Friday, but the Congress leadership has long been uneasy with the first non-Gandhi PM from the party to complete a full term. Mr. Modi has often pointed out that the Congress, and especially the Nehru-Gandhi family, has not "recognised the talent" of those outside the pale of their approval, including Rao. At a public meeting in Telangana, Rao's home State, he said, "This land gave the country a Prime Minister in the form of P.V. Narasimha Rao. But the Congress's royal family didn't like it and insulted him every step of the way. Even after Rao's death, the Congress's royal family did not leave a single opportunity to insult Rao."

Rao, who was the PM of a Congress-led government between 1991 and 1996, came to the post following the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi in the middle of the 1991 poll campaign, an election that Rao himself had kept away from, preparing for a fade-out from public life.

Honouring legacy: Narasimha Rao became the PM of a Congress-led government between 1991 and 1996. GETTY IMAGES

A long career in the Congress had seen Rao become the Minister for External Affairs and Home Affairs, and he was packing to leave Delhi during that turbulent campaign of 1991 when Rajiv Gandhi's death upended everything. Various factions of the Congress wanted different leaders to become PM after the results were announced, and after the newly bereaved Ms. Gandhi herself refused the post, the choice devolved to Rao.

He came to the helm at a time of great churn, both economic and political, with both the balance of payments crisis and the Ram Janmabhoomi movement hanging fire. While Rao, along with his handpicked Finance Minister Manmohan Singh, skilfully steered India on the path of economic reforms, the Babri Masjid was also brought down on his watch in 1992, a grievance that many Congressmen held against Rao till the end of his days.

His ability to provide cover to policymakers to implement the reforms needed to get the country out of a deep economic hole was only matched by the changes he effected in India's foreign policy, including the Look East policy. For the Congress, however, all this was eclipsed by the destruction of the Babri Masjid.

An open wound

When the Congress lost the Lok Sabha election in 1996, the blame was laid at his feet.

When he passed away, just eight months after the Manmohan Singh-led UPA government came to power, the manner of his last rites became an open wound. In his 2014 book, *The Accidental Prime Minister*, Mr. Singh's former media adviser, Sanjaya Baru, claimed that the Congress did not want Rao's cremation to take place in Delhi, but rather in Hyderabad, and that he had been approached to convey this to Rao's children. The cremation did take place in Hyderabad, with Rao's body not even laid in state at the All India Congress Committee's headquarters.

During its first term, the Modi government created a memorial for Rao in 2015.

With the award of the Bharat Ratna to Rao, the message that the Modi government can reach across political lines and honour one of the Congress's own has been again brought into sharp relief.

'Due recognition of Swaminathan's work and contributions'

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Soumya Swaminathan

It is a matter of pride, happiness, and satisfaction that M.S. Swaminathan's whole life's work has been recognised with the Bharat Ratna, Soumya Swaminathan, chairperson of M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation and the daughter of the late scientist, said on Friday.

Speaking to presspersons in Chennai, she said Swaminathan has been recognised for his lifetime of contributions to agriculture and more importantly to the welfare of farmers, and the poorest and the most vulnerable of the country.

Asked how the late scientist would have reacted had he been alive, she said while he would have very been happy with this recognition, he was not someone who worked for awards. She said he was motivated by the results of what he did on the ground and the love and affection people shared. He always remembered the love and gratitude shown by the farmers who met him wherever he went in India, she added.

She said conferring the Bharat Ratna on a scientist who worked in the agriculture sector and believed in the societal impact of research will be a strong motivation for the youth.

RLD set to join NDA after decision to confer Bharat Ratna on Charan Singh

Anuj Kumar
NEW DELHI

In yet another blow to the Opposition unity, responding to the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) decision to confer Bharat Ratna on former Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh on Friday, the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) has decided to join the National Democratic Alliance (NDA).

Speaking to reporters, Charan Singh's grandson and RLD chief Chaudhary Jayant Singh asked how could he say no now. Mr. Singh wrote on X: "*Dil Jeet Liya*" (You have won our hearts). Later, confirming to *The Hindu*, he said, he would share the alliance plans and reasons for making a shift from the Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) after the formal announcement in the next few days. Thanking Prime Minister Narendra Modi for fulfilling a long-standing demand, he said, the decision showed that the PM understood the core character of the country.

A freedom fighter who was jailed many times during British rule, Charan Singh started his political career with the Uttar Pradesh Congress. It was in 1959 when he took a stand against Jawaharlal Nehru's idea of cooperative farming that he emerged on the national scene and went on to become the first non-Congress CM of Uttar Pradesh.

A champion of the farmer's cause, he is credited with preserving a system of peasant proprietorship and implementing effective rural land reforms in the State. Known for probity in public life and a strong anti-corruption stance, he worked tirelessly to bring the Opposition forces together after the Emergency and became the Home Minister and Deputy PM in the Janata government. However, later when he had a fallout with PM Morarji Desai, he ditched the alliance to become the country's fifth PM with the support of the Congress. After a short stint, he was back to the Opposition benches as he refused to drop Emergency-related cases against Indira Gandhi.

Chaudhary Jayant Singh

"Today, by giving the Bharat Ratna to Chaudhary *sahib*, the BJP has taken a big step. I cannot believe that it would like to go against the values he stood for." The decision, he said, would keep his struggle for farmers and his ideology alive for posterity. He criticised Congress for seeing the decision from a political prism.

A close aide of Mr. Singh said BJP had offered the party two Lok Sabha seats to contest and has promised one Rajya Sabha seat. Sources said the decision was necessitated by the push from the Jat farmers, the core vote bank of the party that is at present divided between the BJP and the RLD. The Bharat Ratna to Karpoori Thakur also created an emotional swell in the community.

BJP sources said the party has been working to bring Mr. Singh under the NDA fold to win the support of the aggressive section of farmers.

This is the third time that the RLD is joining the NDA.

At present, Mr. Singh is a Rajya Sabha member with the support of the Samajwadi Party (SP).

Trinamool MP flags Hindi 'imposition' by Union govt.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

English must be used for government business and that extends to all of India, said Gokhale

Trinamool Congress MP Saket Gokhale's zero-hour submission in the Rajya Sabha on Friday, accusing the Union government of "imposing" Hindi while flagging Meghalaya Governor's decision to deliver his address to the State Assembly in the language, raised tempers in the House. This was when Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar intervened to say that Article 351 of the Constitution provided that it shall be the duty of the Union to promote the spread of the Hindi language, inviting howls of protest.

Mr. Gokhale said that such an imposition was against the federal structure and English must be used for government business.

'Linguistic pride'

Hitting out at the Meghalaya Governor's decision, the Trinamool member said, "Honourable Governor of Meghalaya choosing to address the Assembly in Hindi instead of the State's official language English is nothing but brazen Hindi imposition, and an attempt to undermine the linguistic pride of Meghalaya."

Mr. Gokhale said the government has recently passed three new criminal laws in Parliament and these laws have been given very complicated Hindi names. "Let me remind the House here that outside of North India, Hindi is not the native language of crores of Indians," Mr. Gokhale added.

Our Constitution, he said, chose to retain English as an official language along with Hindi.

"However, the attempts by the current government to forcibly impose Hindi, which is barely spoken by 46% of the population, on the rest of India is a matter of shame," Mr. Gokhale alleged.

Mr. Gokhale said there is absolutely no respect for local languages and every new law, every new name that this government gives is in Hindi. "Are languages of the West, the South and the East not important in this country? Do regional languages have no meaning," he asked.

Mr. Gokhale noted that English must be used for government business and that extends to all of India, including non-Hindi-speaking States.

Noting that he had taken oath under the Constitution, Mr. Dhankhar told Mr. Gokhale that Article 351 of the Constitution provided that it shall be the duty of the Union to promote the spread of the Hindi language. He also read out the relevant portion from the Constitution.

"We have a culture of very rich languages. We are proud of our languages. Our languages have even a global impact. They have a great culture. All I am saying is we must have a consensual approach," the Chairman said. This invited howls of protests from several DMK members, including their floor leader Tiruchi Siva, and other members from the Left parties, who protested against the Chairman's observation.

Two injured as tensions mount in Bareilly city

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

Tensions mounted in the communally sensitive Bareilly city on Friday after followers of an Islamic cleric and Ittehad-e-Millat Council chief Tauqeer Raza Khan took to the streets after he was detained for giving a call for "jail *bharo*" over the ongoing Gyanvapi dispute.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's statement in Vidhan Sabha allegedly asking Muslims to give up their claim over the Shahi Idgah mosque in Mathura and Gyanvapi mosque in Varanasi also added to the rising sentiments.

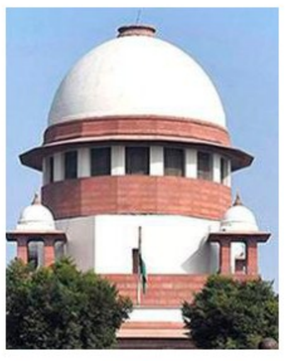
Minor scuffles and stone-pelting incidents were reported in the Shamat Ganj area under Baradari police station limits, where two people were injured. Mr. Khan, before his detention, had reacted sharply over the Haldwani violence, declaring that the bulldozer action would not be tolerated.

A heavy police force was deployed in the area with senior police officials.

Can Preamble be amended keeping date intact, asks SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday asked if the Preamble of the Constitution could have been amended without changing the date of its adoption on November 26, 1949. The Preamble was amended only once in December 1976 by the Indira Gandhi government to introduce the words 'socialist' and 'secular'.



The phrase "unity of the nation" was replaced with "unity and integrity of the nation".

The changes were made in the Preamble through the 42nd Constitutional Amendment during the Emergency.

Originally, the text of the Preamble declared India as a 'sovereign, democratic republic'. The words 'socialist' and 'secular' were inserted between 'sovereign' and 'democratic'.

"From an academic point of view, could the Preamble have been changed by keeping the date intact?" Justice Dipankar Datta, sharing a Bench with Justice Sanjiv Khanna, asked.

The Bench was hearing a petition filed by BJP leader Subramanian Swamy to delete the words socialist and secular from the Preamble.

"Originally these two words [socialist and secular] were not there... The text says 'In our Constituent Assembly this 26th day of November, 1949, do hereby adopt, enact, and give to ourselves this Constitution'," Justice Datta said.

Justice Datta said "it was not that the Preamble could not have been amended", but could it have been done without changing the date. In fact, the largest Bench in the history of the Supreme Court (13 judges) in the *Kesavananda Bharati* case had held that the Preamble was an integral part of the Constitution and was subject to the amending power of the Parliament, provided the basic structure was not tinkered with.

Advocate Vishnu Jain said the Preamble "did come with a date. Therefore, amending it without any debate" had been suspect.

Dr. Swamy said the amendments were pushed through during the Emergency.

'Infamous amendment'

Advocate Sriram Parakkat, appearing for Communist Party of India (CPI) leader Binoy Viswam, said the 42nd amendment was indeed "infamous". It had after all tried to reduce the power of the Supreme Court and High Courts. "While subsequent amendments more or less restored the Constitution to what it was pre-1976, this change made in the Preamble... that we are secular and socialist... was retained," Mr. Parakkat submitted in court.

The court agreed to hear further arguments in the week commencing April 29, 2024.

BJP shifts its MLAs to Bodh Gaya ahead of Bihar floor test

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

With political tensions rising in Bihar ahead of the ruling coalition's floor test in the Assembly on February 12, the BJP, following in the footsteps of the Congress, has shifted its MLAs to Bodh Gaya, 120 km south of Patna. They are expected to return to the State capital ahead of the trust vote.

Sources in the BJP revealed that the decision has been taken by the Central leadership after Chief Minister Nitish Kumar met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the national capital on February 7.

However, Deputy CM and BJP State president Samrat Choudhary told *The Hindu*, "All MLAs have been asked to go to Bodh Gaya to take part in a training programme organised by the party...".

Mr. Choudhary further said all MLAs of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) are "intact" and any attempt by the Opposition to lure them will turn futile.

It is nothing but a 'white lie paper', says Chidambaram

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The White Paper tabled by the Narendra Modi-led government on the state of the economy under the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) is a "hatchet job" and "a white lie paper", former Union Finance Minister P. Chidambaram said on Friday.

"It is a white lie paper. Even the authors will not claim that it is an academic, well-researched or scholarly paper. It is a political exercise intended to damn the previous government and hide the present government's broken promises, monumental failures and betrayal of the poor," Mr. Chidambaram said.

The former Union Minister said no other government had made so many "wild promises" as the Modi government and then broken them "without an expression of regret".

Mr. Chidambaram said the the Centre had promised two crore jobs every year. It also promised to bring back black money parked abroad in 100 days, put ₹15 lakh in every citizen's bank account, bring down prices of petrol and diesel at ₹35 a litre, build 100 smart cities by 2022, double farmers' income, provide house to every family by 2022, and achieve a $5-trillion economy by 2023-24.

"In fact, the government laughed them away as election *jumlas*," he said, adding, "The paper released today is not a white paper; it is a paper that is intended to whitewash the many sins and commissions of the NDA government in the last 10 years".

Fugitives will be extradited, says FM

Replying to the White Paper debate in Lok Sabha, Nirmala Sitharaman blames 'rudderless' leadership of UPA for the 'one big-ticket scam a year' decade; she alleges that Enforcement Directorate was like 'caged bird' to facilitate money laundering

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Fugitive economic offenders like Vijay Mallya, Nirav Modi, and Sanjay Bhandari will be extradited to India, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Friday, even as she charged former Congress chief Sonia Gandhi of being a 'Super Prime Minister' in the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) years, blaming "rudderless" leadership for the "one big-ticket scam a year" decade between 2004-2014.

Speaking on the White Paper on the Economy in the Lok Sabha, the Minister said it was a serious document tabled with responsibility as it impacted the lives of people and shall serve as a record for posterity. "...Entire India's youth should know what

In full force: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman speaks in the Lok Sabha during the Budget Session of Parliament. ANI

effort it took for a Prime Minister with a vision to restore India to its glory," Ms. Sitharaman said, comparing the Commonwealth Games "flop show" to the "grand" success of G-20 events.

In her opening remarks, she went beyond the UPA decade to remind the House about the LIC of India being forced to invest in an ailing West Bengal firm run by Haridas Mundhra in the 1950s, which culminated in the then Finance Minister T.T. Krishnamachari's resignation as "a sacrificial lamb".

Stressing that national security was compromised in the UPA years, she said the environment had become a bottleneck for project clearances, hurting development, and the leadership of the day "failed" the country.

Terming the National Advisory Council (NAC) headed by Ms. Gandhi as an "extra-constitutional body worse than a Kitchen Cabinet", the Minister asked why 710 government files were sent to the NAC office.

'Jayanti Tax'

"*Andolanjeevi* [a person who makes a living through protests] and *BhrashtacharJeevi* [a person who survives on corruption] gave birth to the 'Jayanti Tax'. Licence Permit Raj was brought back through the Environment Tax," she said, pointing to a rise in average time taken for green clearances from 86 days in 2011 to 316 days in 2014. This has now come down to 70 days, she added, with this government balancing development and environment needs.

Stating that the Enforcement Directorate (ED) was told to "keep quiet to facilitate money laundering" during the UPA years and kept like a "caged bird", she noted that just 102 prosecutions took place then, compared to 1,200 since 2014. Zero persons were convicted in their tenure, while the number is 58 in our watch, she said, attributing it to the ED being given the "independence to stop money laundering".

"We have got extradition orders passed in four cases [of fugitive economic offenders] and are extraditing them," she said, noting that 12 people have been labelled fugitive economic offenders under their watch, while the number of such extraditions was zero during the UPA years.

INDIA bloc calls document a 'political manifesto'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The White Paper brought out by the Narendra Modi government on the state of the economy under the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) was a "political manifesto" that was aimed at "tarnishing" the Manmohan Singh regime, leaders from the Opposition INDIA bloc said in the Lok Sabha on Friday.

Most of the members questioned the government on why it had not mentioned in the White Paper the November 2016 demonetisation, unemployment, inflation, and the faulty implementation of the GST.

They recounted the BJP's pre-poll promises like creating two crore jobs every year, putting ₹15 lakh into the accounts of every citizen after bringing back black money, bringing down the prices of fuel and cooking gas, and making the rupee stronger against the dollar.

Two Opposition members – RSP's N.K. Premachandran and Trinamool Congress's Saugato Roy – moved a substitute resolution to highlight the failures of Modi government.

Responding to the allegations of endless scams during the UPA regime, Congress and DMK members asked the Modi government to spell out the concrete steps it took to put the guilty behind bars in the past 10 years.

Most of the members questioned why the govt. did not mention demonetisation in the White Paper

"It is a matter of 10 years. Have you taken any action against any political leader?" asked Congress leader Manish Tewari who led the charge from the Opposition benches. "If you wanted to bring a White Paper, you should have brought it in 2014. The intention behind this White Paper is only political. This is a political manifesto, not a White Paper," he said.

Landmark legislation

Mr. Tewari said that under former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi, the UPA brought landmark legislation like right to food under the National Food Security Act, right to employment under the MGNREGA, right to compulsory and free education and creation of unique identity under Aadhaar. "What has been your achievements in the past 10 years?" he asked.

The Congress leader in the House, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, said: "At the fag end of this session, this kind of White Paper only with an objective to tarnish the 10 years of UPA government does not cut much ice."

His deputy, Gaurav Gogoi, accused the government of using the Enforcement Directorate to "welcome the corrupt into the BJP". "The action rate of the raids from 2005 to 2014 was 93%, which has now been reduced to 29%. Only 23 convictions under the PMLA [Prevention of Money Laundering Act] have been secured... Why is the conviction rate so low?" Mr. Gogoi asked.

INBRIEF

Resolution on Ram Temple likely today in Lok Sabha

The BJP on Friday issued a three-line whip to all its Members of Parliament in both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha to be present on Saturday, the last day of the last session of the 17th Lok Sabha, as the government was likely to bring in a resolution on the Ram Temple in Ayodhya. Sources in the government said that a resolution under Rule 193 of the House will be brought in by it on the Ram Temple. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to address the Lok Sabha at the end of the discussion. The temple consecration took place on January 22 and the BJP has been at the forefront of facilitating pilgrims to the temple.

'SC turned down need for regional Benches at this stage'

Union Minister of Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal on Friday informed the Lok Sabha that the Supreme Court has made it clear that there is no need for regional Benches of the top court at this stage. Answering a supplementary question during the Question Hour on the regional Benches of the top court, the Minister said it is only a recommendation of the Parliamentary Standing Committee. His statement assumes significance in the wake of recent reports that said the government had accepted the recommendations of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Law and Justice.

Parliament clears Bill to curb malpractices in public exams

The Rajya Sabha passed the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Bill on Friday, which was cleared by the Lok Sabha earlier this week. The Bill, aimed at bringing greater transparency, fairness and credibility to the public examination systems, will now go to President Droupadi Murmu for assent. Piloting the Bill, Union Minister of State for Personnel Affairs Jitendra Singh said malpractices led to delays and cancellation of examinations.

RS passes Bills to add Paharis, Valmikis to ST, SC lists in J&K

Abhinay Lakshman
Peerzada Ashiq
NEW DELHI/SRINAGAR

Amid ongoing protests in Jammu and Kashmir by the Scheduled Tribe Gujjar-Bakarwal community, the Rajya Sabha on Friday cleared the way for the addition of the Pahari ethnic group to the Union Territory's ST list.

Along with it, the Upper House passed the Bills that added the Paddari Tribe, Gadda Brahmin, and Koli communities to the ST list and the Valmiki community (including synonyms) to the Scheduled Castes list of Jammu and Kashmir.

During his reply to the discussion on the Bills, Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda addressed the concern of the existing ST communities in Jammu and Kashmir like the Gujjar-Bakarwal and Gaddi communities.

He said, "This Bill will

The Bills also added Paddari Tribe, Gadda Brahmin, and Kolis to the ST list

ensure that the reservation already available for these existing tribes will be maintained while giving these new communities additional reservation. The work of ensuring that everyone gets justice and no community's reservation is affected is being done through this Bill."

'No dilution'

And given the growing protests by Gujjars and Bakerwals, the BJP has started percolating this message on the ground as well. "The ST quota of Gujjar and Bakarwal will remain unaffected and there would be no dilution in the same," Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina said.

Isn't your PM a coal scam accused, BJP MP asks Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Former Union Minister and BJP MP Ravi Shankar Prasad on Friday denounced the Congress's 10-year regime from 2004 to 2014, saying that then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was an accused of the coal scam, during a debate in the Lok Sabha on the White Paper on the Indian economy.

His attack on Mr. Singh came a day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed him for his commitment to democracy in the course of the farewell address to retiring Rajya Sabha members.

In a 25-minute long speech, Mr. Prasad accused the Congress governments in Rajasthan and Haryana of handing over acres of land worth several crores to businessman Robert Vadra, terming it as a "new model of entrepreneurship". He dwelled on spectrum allocation, where he said that the "first come, first serve" model was flawed since artificial impediments were introduced to stop some from coming first.

Speaking on the coal allocation scam, he asked the Congress: "Isn't your Prime Minister an accused in the coal scam?" This led to an uproar, drawing protests from the Congress MPs. Mr. Prasad insisted that all this was a "matter of record".

He further alleged that the coal blocks were allocated to favourites by bending the rules. "Your Ministers used to write letters... dear Prime Minister, so & so is my brother, please help him," he claimed.

Earlier in the day, another BJP MP Nishikant Dubey alleged that the Congress and its allies were blind to corruption and nepotism.

Not allowed to raise FMR issue, says Mizoram MP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Rajya Sabha member K. Vanlalvena from Mizoram on Friday said he was not being allowed to speak in the House on the issue of India's decision to remove the Free Movement Regime (FMR) along the Myanmar border despite submitting an application to raise it during Zero Hour four times. Mr. Vanlalvena represents the Mizo National Front, which is a member of the NDA.

He said it was a "burning issue" along the India-Myanmar border, but tribal MPs from there were "not given a single minute to raise this issue".

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Letter No.: 290/UCADA/2024 **TENDER NOTICE** Date: 09th Feb, 2024

E.O.I is invited from all the valid NSOP helicopter operators to undertake helicopter shuttle services on route Phata – Kedarnath Ji. The E.O.I should comply with all the requisite requirements laid down in the RFP/**Tender No. 7524/UCADA/2023 dated 14.01.2023 (and all subsequent addendum/corrigendum) published** on **www.uktenders.gov.in.** The E.O.I. should match the lowest rates (L1) discovered as under:

S. No.	Sector/Route	Offered Helipads	L1 rate
1.	Phata - Shri Kedarnath Ji	1 helipad in Phata Sector	2887/-

Duration of shuttle services will be for 02 years.
Selection process will be as per RFP/**Tender No. 7524/UCADA/2023 dated 14.01.2023 (and all subsequent addendum/corrigendum) published on uktenders.gov.in**.
If more than two or more Bidders are technically qualified than selection will be done on the basis of past performance/availability of maximum number of helicopters and pilots with bidder at such date by a marking system as devised by UCADA. If in case two or more bidder have the same number of marks then a lottery system as devised by UCADA will be adopted which will be done in the presence of the operators.
The E.O.I. as per guidelines laid down for submission of bid in RFP/**Tender No. 7524/UCADA/2023 dated 14.01.2023 (and all subsequent addendum/corrigendum)** should reach at the above-mentioned official address by 1700 Hrs., on **19-02-2024** along with all the required documents physically as per the above- mentioned RFP in a sealed envelope.
Any clarifications / queries can be submitted by **1700 Hrs, 13th Feb 2024** on E-mail ops.ucadadoon@gmail.com. An online meeting for the same will be held on **14th Feb 2024 at 1200 hrs**.

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND PERIOD ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

(Rs. In Crores)

S. No	Particulars	Standalone (Unaudited)		Consolidated (Unaudited)	
		Quarter ended	Period ended	Quarter ended	Period ended
		31.12.2023	30.09.2023	31.12.2023	30.09.2023
1	Total Income	520.27	302.01	573.55	299.65
2	Net Profit / (Loss) before tax (before Exceptional Items)	28.70	30.51	(51.81)	(5.55)
3	Net Profit / (Loss) before tax (after Exceptional Items)	27.58	30.40	(52.93)	(5.66)
4	Net Profit / (Loss) after tax (after Exceptional Items)	17.61	26.18	(62.90)	(9.88)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) (after tax)]	17.58	25.28	(62.93)	(10.78)
6	Equity share Capital (Face value of Rs.5/- each)	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	777.00	759.44	646.87	707.86
8	Security Premium Account	-	-	-	-
9	Networth	787.12	769.56	656.99	717.98
10	Outstanding Debt	861.46	789.97	1,305.72	1,210.91
11	Outstanding redeemable Preference Shares	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.87
12	Net Debt Equity Ratio	1.08	1.02	1.94	1.67
13	Earnings Per Share (Face value of Rs.5/- each) (not annualised) (In Rs.) (i) Basic (ii) Diluted	8.70 8.70	12.94 12.94	(31.08) (31.08)	(4.89) (4.89)
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	NOT APPLICABLE			
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	NOT APPLICABLE			
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (Times)	1.81	2.73	0.11	1.04
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (Times)	5.20	9.23	0.57	2.39
18	Current ratio (Times)	0.72	0.83	0.67	0.76
19	Long term debt to working capital (Times)	-	-	-	-
20	Bad debts to Accounts Receivable (Times)	-	-	-	-
21	Current Liability Ratio (Times)	0.68	0.68	0.59	0.57
22	Total debts to total assets ratio (Times)	0.40	0.38	0.52	0.49
23	Debtors Turnover ratio (Times)	6.58	6.61	5.18	4.42
24	Inventory Turnover ratio (Times)	2.16	2.13	1.99	1.83
25	Operating Margin (%)	8.81	15.60	(1.35)	7.95
26	Net Profit Margin (%)	3.76	8.71	(11.22)	(3.26)

Notes :

1 The approval for listing of the Equity Shares of the Company was received from the Stock Exchanges viz., BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited and the Equity Shares were admitted to the dealings on the Stock Exchanges effective 29th December 2023.

2 The floods in Chennai during December 2023, resulted in damages to certain inventories and property, plant and equipment in the facilities located at Padi unit. During the quarter ended December 31, 2023, the Company has recorded a net loss of INR 2.03 Crores after adjusting estimated insurance claim based on initial survey undertaken at these facilities. The Company has disclosed the related income and expenditure under other income and respective expenditure heads, as applicable. In addition, the Company is in the process of determining its final claim for loss of property, plant and equipment, inventories and Business interruption and has accordingly not recorded any further claim arising therefrom at this stage.

3 The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulations 33 & 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock Exchanges website www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com and on Company's website www.sundaram-clayton.com.

4 The Company has prepared these standalone and consolidated financial results in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 (Ind AS) prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013.

5 In accordance with the Scheme of Arrangement approved by the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Chennai Bench by an order dated March 6, 2023, the manufacturing business, along with its related assets and liabilities at the values appearing in the books of accounts of TVS Holdings Limited on the close of business hours as on August 10, 2023, was demerged, transferred and vested into the Company with effect from August 11, 2023. Hence results for period ended September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2023 starts from 11th August 2023.

For Sundaram-Clayton Limited
Sd/-
R Gopalan
Chairman

Date : 9th February 2024

INBRIEF

COVID-19 effects have come down substantially: Minister

The COVID-19 virus mutated 223 times across the world, but its harmful effects have come down substantially over time, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said in the Lok Sabha on Friday. The Minister added that COVID-19 will continue to remain like influenza and its present variants are not deadly. "When a virus mutates more than 100 times, its harmful effects are reduced. So far, the COVID virus has mutated 223 times and like influenza, which hits people once or twice every year COVID is with us and it will remain," the Minister added. He added that health is such an issue where all stakeholders and countries should come together and work.

Embraer, Mahindra to jointly bid for IAF's aircraft deal

Brazilian aircraft manufacturer Embraer Defense & Security and Mahindra signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to jointly bid for the Indian Air Force's (IAF) Medium Transport (MTA) Aircraft tender. Embraer is pitching its C-390 Millennium multi-mission aircraft for the deal. The MoU was signed at the Embassy of Brazil in New Delhi on Friday. "We are honoured to announce this MoU with Mahindra. India has a diverse and strong defence and aerospace industry and we have chosen Mahindra as our partner to jointly pursue the MTA programme," said Bosco da Costa Junior, President & CEO, Embraer Defense & Security in a statement.

SC to hear curative petition in Nagpur airport case

A four-judge Bench of the Supreme Court on Friday agreed to hear a curative petition filed by the Centre and the Airports Authority of India seeking a re-look of an apex court judgment, allowing the GMR Group to operate Nagpur's Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport in 2022. The Centre and the AAI have argued that they were neither impleaded as parties or heard by the Supreme Court while upholding a decision of Bombay HC decision quashing a March 2020 communication issued by MIHAN, a joint venture by the Maharashtra Airport Development Company and AAI, cancelling an award granted to GMR to upgrade and operate the airport.

Senior journalist booked for 'defaming' Modi, Advani

A case has been registered in Pune against senior journalist Nikhil Wagle for allegedly making offensive remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP veteran L.K. Advani after the latter was awarded the Bharat Ratna, said authorities on Friday. The FIR was filed at Pune's Vishrambaug police station after a local BJP leader, Sunil Deodhar, lodged a complaint against Mr. Wagle. The senior journalist has been booked under Sections 153A (promoting enmity between different groups), 500 (defamation) and 505 (statements conducing to public mischief) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), said police authorities, adding that they were probing the matter.

Act against trolls, Pranab's daughter tells Rahul Gandhi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Sharmistha Mukherjee, daughter of former President Pranab Mukherjee, has written a letter to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi complaining that both she and her late father have been subjected to sustained trolling by Mr. Gandhi's supporters on social media after she wrote a book based on her father's memoirs.

In a letter posted on X, Ms. Mukherjee said she had been subject to vicious trolling, "sometimes using the nastiest language". She also identified one social media user in particular, who she adds is "followed by several senior Congress leaders..." The user, she wrote, "abused my father, Pranab Mukherjee and me in such vile language I feel nausea even to repeat it."

"*Nafrat ke Bazaar me Mohabbat ki Dukan* [shop of love in the market of hatred] also seems to fall on deaf ears of your own followers as they unleash all their '*nafrat*' on anyone daring to criticise you," Ms. Mukherjee said in the letter.

She demanded Mr. Gandhi to take action against the particular X handle.

Cabinet nod to spectrum for Railways without TRAI reply

The Railways had sought additional 5MHz of spectrum for sending real-time data from trains to boost passenger safety; TRAI is assessing whether the transporter should get such an allocation

Aroon Deep
Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

A day after the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) floated a consultation paper on whether Indian Railways should be able to get – largely free – 5 Megahertz of wireless spectrum for carrying real-time data that would enhance passenger safety, the Union Cabinet in a surprise move on Thursday approved the proposal, even though TRAI's response was pending.

The Railways had sought additional 5 Mhz of paired spectrum, free of charge, in the 700 MHz band in July last year, a month after the Balasore incident that left 296 dead and nearly 1,200 injured. "As per our understanding, the Cabinet has decided to reserve this 5MHz spectrum to keep it out of auctions, and it has not been allotted to the Railways as of yet," a TRAI official told *The Hindu*.

In the past, when the Railways had received spectrum grants, for which they only needed to pay an annual royalty without bidding for the airwaves, the data transfer capacity was not sufficient to allow trains to continuously upload video footage for safety purposes.

In discussions with TRAI, Railways had said that it wants additional spectrum for implementing several safety features. BISWARANJAN ROUT

The video feeds were instead "dumped" at railway stations with a WiFi connection.

The Railways wrote to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) that it is important to capture large-scale data and videos from moving trains on a real-time basis. "Dumping at a stopping station, which has high-capacity WiFi, shall not serve the objective," the Railways observed.

The Railways further said that during exigencies, networks of telecom service providers get choked, thereby adversely affecting relief and restoration operations.

Because the Railways was only granted 5 Mhz of its original demand for 15 MHz in discussions post the Balasore tragedy, it had again asked for an additional 5 MHz of paired spectrum in the 700 MHz band.

In discussions with TRAI, Railways had said that it wants additional spectrum for implementing several safety features such as the Modern Train Control System, Train Collision Avoidance System, signal aspect in loco cabs, and emergency mobile communications. It had also highlighted other advantages that the spectrum allocation could bring, such as increased speed, augmenting train's running capacity, passenger security, CCTV network-like live feed at security control centres, video surveillance, video analytics, and asset reliability.

In consultation which is open for comments till March 6 and counter-comments till March 20, TRAI is assessing whether additional spectrum should be assigned to the Railways, and whether it will be sufficient to meet requirement of different rail networks, and also what should be the spectrum valuation and charging methodology.

However, the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) had in the past opposed free handouts in the 700 MHz band, from which this spectrum has been set aside for the Railways. That band is used for commercial telecom operations around the world, the COAI said, and a significant chunk of it had already been assigned to the Ministry of Defence. Further assignment to non-telecom use cases would leave the spectrum availability for technologies like 5G "grossly inadequate," the COAI argued.

Allow NREGS workers to choose how to be paid: plea

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

A plea wants the Supreme Court to direct the Union government to allow workers under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) to choose how they want to be paid their wages, and not impose on them "opaque and cumbersome" payment methods like the Aadhaar-based Payment System (ABPS).

The application by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), represented by advocate Prashant Bhushan, said 34.8% of total registered workers (8.9 crore) under the MGNREGS and 12.7% of active workers (1.8 crore) are still ineligible for ABPS as on December 27, 2023.

The application said the ABPS was a payment with a "number of layers". For the ABPS to work, not only must the worker's job card and bank account be linked with her Aadhaar, but the bank itself must be linked to the National Payments Corporation of India mapper through the bank's Institutional Identification Number. Errors in any steps in the ABPS would result in payment failures or rejections, it said.

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader murder: two arrested; Shinde govt. slammed

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

A day after the murder of Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Abhishek Ghosalkar during a 'Facebook Live' by 'social activist' Mauris Noronha, who also ended his life, Mumbai Crime Branch officers on Friday arrested the assailant's bodyguard, Amarendra Mishra, whose gun was allegedly used in the incident.

The police also arrested Mehul Parikh, who was allegedly present at the crime scene when the victim was fatally shot.

The arrests took place even as the Opposition decried the "lawlessness" in the State. Shiv Sena (UBT) and Congress leaders demanded the resignation of Deputy Chief Minister and State Home Minister Devendra Fadnavis, who ascribed Ghosalkar's murder to "personal rivalry".

The police are still piecing together the events that led Noronha to call former councillor Ghosalkar for a Facebook livestreaming event at his office in Borivali's IC Colony on Thursday evening and kill him. However, what has emerged from the statements collected from Noronha's family and friends is that the accused had nursed a long-standing grudge against the former councillor and had vowed to kill him, a senior officer said.

While Ghosalkar's cremation took place around 4 p.m. on Friday at Daulat Nagar cemetery, churches in the area reportedly refused to accept Noronha's body for burial.

(Those in distress may contact Sanjivini, Society for Mental Health suicide prevention helpline 011-40769002)

India-Saudi Arabia joint military exercise ends

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The maiden joint military exercise, *Sada Tanseeq*, between the Indian Army and the Royal Saudi Land Force concluded at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Jaipur on Friday.

The 12-day exerciseaimed to achieve interoperability between the two forces and acquaint each other with operational procedures and combat drills under the UN mandate, Col. Amitabh Sharma, Defence spokesperson, said in a statement.

The Indian contingent of the 20th Battalion of The Brigade of Guards Regiment and the Saudi Arabian contingent comprising a group of 45 soldiers of Royal Saudi Land Force participated in the exercise which was conducted in two phases.

54% of BJP's total income came from electoral bonds

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) received ₹1,294.14 crore through electoral bonds in 2022-23, which was nearly 54% of its total income during the year, and seven times higher than that of its main rival, the Congress.

The ruling party's total income rose to ₹2,361 crore in 2022-23 from ₹1,917 crore in 2021-22, according to the annual audit report of the BJP made public by the Election Commission(EC) on Thursday.

The party got ₹2,120.06 crore from donations (including electoral bonds), while income from bank interest was ₹237.3 crore, compared to the previous fiscal's ₹133.3 crore.

The party spent ₹1,092.15 crore for elections, which is five times more than what the Congress spent. In 2021-22, the BJP had spent ₹645.85 crore.

The BJP's election expenditure, among others, included ₹432.14 crore spent on advertisements and ₹78.22 crore spent on hiring aircraft and helicopters. Another ₹75.05 crore was given as financial assistance to candidates while press conferences cost ₹71.60 lakh.

The Congress on the other hand saw its total receipts reduce to ₹452.37 crore in 2022-23 from ₹541.27 crore in 2021-22. It spent ₹192.55 crore on elections and ₹71.83 crore for Rahul Gandhi's Kanyakumari to Kashmir 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' in 2022-23 while its donations through electoral bonds declined ₹171.02 crore from ₹236.09 crore in the previous year.

'Give regular benefit to families of Agniveers'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Families of Agniveers killed in the line of duty should receive the same benefits that are provided to the next of kin of a regular soldier, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence has recommended.

The committee also noted that there was no assured employment or skill development programme exclusively designed for Agniveers, except for some percentage of reservation of jobs in Central Armed Police Forces.

This was conveyed in the report of the House panel headed by Bharatiya Janata Party MP Jual Oram. The report titled "A review of functioning of zila sainik boards in the country" was tabled in Parliament on Thursday.

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(set by KrisKross)

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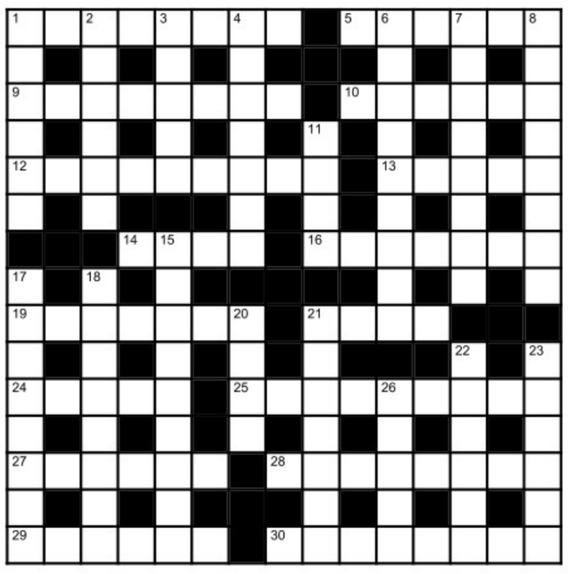
SCAN TO PLAY



Across

1 Tell a story describing good universal order (8)
5 Some think it's cheap form of art (6)
9 Lord (OBE) and daughter specially like rubies (5-3)
10 Starts to defend excessively... average becomes lower (6)
12 English less excited to consume flat mid-morning snack (9)
13 Sharp, professional tips from rich businessman (5)
14 Check contract - insufficient (4)
16 Crude iron ore originally found near Colorado river (7)
19 Tragic hero collapsed, too full of suffering (7)
21 Empress from Spain arriving in retreat (4)
24 Wrong to drink cha without a mug (5)
25 Able teams fighting for lead, perhaps (4,5)
27 Smoother cushion? (6)
28 Boss trained most tense novices (8)
29 Recruit two leaders each from engineering, literature, statistics (6)
30 Ultimately, mankind may do so badly resulting in the end of the world (8)

Down

1 Series of tests for a masseur? (6)
2 Catching ball, abruptly order review (2,4)
3 Shelf with long side (5)
4 Patriot's final excuse for betraying country (7)
6 Knotted tie, helping to form loop (9)
7 Fractured knee - lost several bones (8)
8 Guide cycling group through sharp bend (8)
11 Capital city is extremely backward and poor, they say (4)
15 Vessels like "Armstrong" and "Aldrin" say? (9)
17 Police force winning pinball regularly is on the cards (8)
18 Happy with free lunch in a mess, having no money essentially (8)
20 Spheres of research becoming silos primarily (4)
21 Teacher rejected German rice dish (7)
22 Drunk son expiated, giving up alcohol basically (6)
23 Bad case of schizophrenia? Yes, absolutely (3,3)
26 Lady going up and down (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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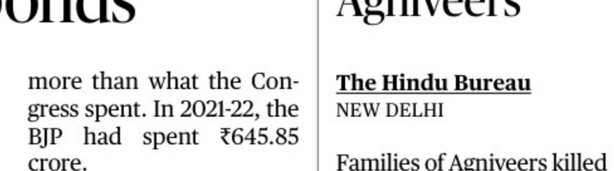

FAITH

Vidhura's guiding principles

To a question on noble personalities, Vidhura replied that people who are very much learned or who attained outstanding academic achievements are not noble, but noble are those who plan and execute their lives' aims properly. Velukudi Sri Krishnan Swamy said in a discourse that three types of experience exist. *Iswaryanubhavam* - experiencing worldly pleasures through our faculties. *Kaivalyanubhavam* - realisation of self and *Bhagavat Prapthi* - realising that God alone gives us everything and He is the ultimate destination. Jeevathma is entirely dependent on Paramathma. An Apostle says he wants to place his head on the lotus feet of God and nothing else. Bharatha was blessed with the sandals (*Paduka*). The elephant Gajendra offered lotus at His feet.

People should hanker to obtain only those that are within the reach of their capacity (*Yatha sakthi-Chikeershanthi*). We should not neglect even trivial matters and should never insult one's feelings by our disrespectful behaviour, however puny a person may be (*Na kinchith avamanyanthe*). All are equal before God – whether rich or poor, learned or ignorant, strong or weak. Though Hanuman had found Sri Sita in Asokavanam and brought the Sanjeevi mountain, Lord Rama treated all the monkey legions equally.

INBRIEF

Ex-SEBI chief Damodaran to head Paytm compliance panel

Paytm parent One97 Communications said it would form a group advisory committee on compliance and regulatory matters headed by M. Damodaran, former SEBI Chairman, Paytm said. The RBI last week ordered Paytm affiliate Paytm Payments Bank to wind down most of its business by February 29, citing "persistent non-compliance." Shares of One97 Communications Ltd. tanked more than 15% in two days as investors dumped the stock. REUTERS/PTI

Rane group to merge two units with Rane (Madras)

City-based Rane Group announced the merger of Rane Brake Lining Ltd. (RBL) and Rane Engine Valve Ltd. (REVL) with Rane (Madras) Ltd. (RML) to bring operating businesses under a single entity. The implementation of the scheme is expected to take about 9-12 months, the firms said. The proposed transaction will create a larger company with a combined turnover of ₹3,373 crore for the trailing 12-month period ended December 31, 2023 on a proforma basis.

Murugappa's EV arm mulls next round of fund raise

Murugappa group's electric vehicle arm TI Clean Mobility Pvt. Ltd. (TICMPL) is planning to raise more funds to expand business, said a top official. "We continue to be in the process of raising one more round of funds," said Executive Vice-Chairman Vellayan Subbiah during an earnings call. During the current fiscal, the company had spent about ₹300 crore, and in the next fiscal, it is planning to invest about ₹460 crore for all businesses put together in TICMPL.

'India can purchase natural gas at below market price'

Petroleum Secretary says that with huge buying power India can execute favourable deals to procure natural gas; piped gas connections to homes would drive demand for natural gas, he adds

Lalatendu Mishra
BETUL, GOA

India's emergence as the demand centre for energy in the world provides arbitrage opportunities around the globe for procuring natural gas, said Pankaj Jain, Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.

Speaking at an event during India Energy Week in Goa, Mr. Jain said with huge buying power India can execute natural gas procurement deals below market rates and the government would encourage such sellers to engage in negotiations.

Arbitrage opportunities: Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri with Petroleum Secretary Pankaj Jain. BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

As a 'bridge-fuel' in the energy transition, natural gas will see wider adoption in India as terminal capacities and pipeline networks, are upgraded Mr. Jain said adding that diversification of fuel sources was key to making the 'cleaner' natural gas available to consumers.

He said scaling of gas-based mobility and expansion of piped gas connections to homes would drive demand. Expanding adoption of bio-fuels requires scaling up production of the fuel at an affordable cost, Mr. Jain added.

(This writer was in Goa at the invitation of the Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry.)

'NBFC-P2Ps underplaying risks; some practices not within norms'

Anshika Kayastha
MUMBAI

Some business practices of NBFC-P2P (peer-to-peer) lenders appear to not be in line with regulatory guidelines and such lenders have been underplaying certain business risks, Reserve Bank of India Deputy Governor M. Rajeshwar Rao said. He also dismissed constant requests from NBFCs (Non-banking financial corporations) to convert into banks, saying they have evolved to serve specific economic functions, and it is uncharacteristic for them to act like banks.

"A large proportion of lenders on NBFC-P2Ps are individuals, and they are not expected to be well-equipped to understand the risks involved in providing credit. Instead of educating the lenders about the inherent risks in the lending activity, NBFC-P2Ps have been observed to underplay the risks through various means such as promising high or assured returns, structuring the transactions, providing anytime fund recall facilities," Mr. Rao said at the NBFC Summit organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

Since NBFC-P2Ps do not undertake credit risk on themselves and operate as a "meeting place for lenders and borrowers," their regulations have been kept at basic entry-level requirements, Mr. Rao added.

(The writer is with The Hindu businessline)

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	71,595	0.23
U.S. Dollar	83.07	-0.13
Gold	63,300	------
Brent oil	81.69	0.69

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3215.20	46.60
Adani Ports	1271.50	26.30
Apollo Hosp	6437.35	206.35
Asian Paints	2951.65	22.05
Axis Bank	1051.40	15.50
Bajaj Auto	7784.85	27.60
Bajaj Finserv	1570.95	0.40
Bajaj Finance	6654.50	78.85
Bharti Airtel	1120.25	-21.90
BPCL	614.30	-6.20
Britannia Ind	4971.50	95.95
Cipla	1439.75	19.55
Coal India	456.20	-3.00
Divis Lab	3652.30	-32.10
Dr Reddys Lab	6155.85	-4.20
Eicher Motors	3840.95	33.65
Grasim Ind	2168.50	111.20
HCL Tech	1630.60	-3.20
HDFC Bank	1403.60	0.55
HDFC Life	584.00	-7.70
Hero MotoCorp	4908.85	100.95
Hindalco	591.30	-10.00
Hind Unilever	2424.15	7.10
ICICI Bank	1010.70	21.40
IndusInd Bank	1486.25	8.95
Infosys	1669.35	-22.75
ITC	415.50	0.95
JSW Steel	811.75	-10.35
Kotak Bank	1742.45	12.75
L&T	3324.55	-10.95
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5453.30	32.50
M&M	1646.40	-39.50
Maruti Suzuki	10732.85	-11.05
NestleIndia	2450.10	27.05
NTPC	324.90	-6.00
ONGC	267.55	-5.60
PowerGrid Corp	273.00	-3.20
Reliance Ind	2921.50	21.25
SBI Life	1439.70	-19.35
State Bank	725.25	25.70
Sun Pharma	1534.80	35.20
TataConsumerProduct	1129.25	-8.65
Tata Motors	915.00	-9.30
Tata Steel	141.30	-2.35
TCS	4133.70	-0.40
Tech Mahindra	1311.05	1.80
Titan	3591.60	42.50
UltraTech Cement	9945.75	-51.90
UPL	457.95	-6.90
Wipro	490.45	1.60

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on February 09

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.84	83.16
Euro	89.17	89.51
British Pound	104.44	104.85
Japanese Yen (100)	55.46	55.68
Chinese Yuan	11.52	11.56
Swiss Franc	94.61	94.97
Singapore Dollar	61.52	61.77
Canadian Dollar	61.56	61.80
Malaysian Ringitt	17.37	17.48
Australian Dollar	53.91	54.13

Source:Indian Bank

MRF Q3 net surges threefold to ₹508 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

MRF Ltd. reported standalone net profit for the third quarter ended December surged threefold year-on-year to ₹508 crore on strong sales volumes.

Revenue from operations increased by 9% to ₹6,048 crore, while cost of materials consumed contracted by ₹8 crore to ₹3,743 crore. Profit before tax also climbed threefold to ₹679 crore, the tyre major said in a statement released on Friday.

The board declared second interim dividend of ₹3 per share. The company has fixed February 21 as the record date for the purpose of payment of the dividend.

Shares of the company lost ₹5,436.20, or 3.82%, to close at ₹1,37,047.15 on the BSE on Friday.

Petronet plans to treble profit by 2028

Press Trust of India
BETUL, GOA

Petronet LNG Ltd., the operator of the world's largest liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal, will invest ₹40,000 crore in expanding import capacity and petrochemicals with a target to treble net profit by 2028, its CEO A. K. Singh said.

Petronet is making a foray into the petrochemical business by investing ₹12,685 crore in a propane dehydrogenation plant that will convert imported feedstock into propylene, as well as setting up an

A.K.Singh

LNG import facility at Gopalpur in Odisha at a cost of ₹2,300 crore, he said.

"We have charted a 1-5-10-40 strategy - increasing turnover to ₹1 lakh crore in 5 years with a net profit of ₹10,000 crore from investing ₹40,000 crore in expansions," Mr. Singh said.

RBI raises wage ceiling for bank non-executive directors to ₹30 lakh

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the remuneration ceiling of Non Executive Directors (NEDs) of banks from ₹20 lakh per annum to ₹30 lakh. "Considering the crucial role of NEDs in efficient functioning of bank Boards and its various Committees and to further enable banks to sufficiently attract qualified, competent individuals, it has been decided to revise the aforementioned ceiling to ₹30 lakh per annum," the RBI said.

This is applicable to all private sector banks including Small Finance Banks and Payment Banks as also wholly owned subsidiaries of foreign banks. The instruction has come into immediate effect.

IndianOil-Adani Gas JV to invest $300 million to double gas sales

Reuters
QUITOL, INDIA

IndianOil-Adani Gas Pvt. Ltd. will invest ₹25 billion ($301.24 million) over four years as it looks to double gas sales to small industries and households in India, a company executive said on Friday.

The company, an equal joint venture (JV) of refiner Indian Oil Corp and Adani Total Gas, daily sells about one million standard cubic metre of gas through its 300 retail outlets, said S.K. Jha, a director in the JV.

Mr. Jha also heads the city gas distribution business of IndianOil as ED. The JV aims at doubling gas sales in four years and expand infrastructure to more than 600 retail outlets during the period to meet India's rising gas demand.

BANGALORE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION
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Corrigendum

BMTC had invited SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER through E-Procurement Portal for supply of 820 Nos. fully built City type BS-VI diesel Buses vide TENDER NO: BMTC/2023-24/IND0051 Dated: 08.02.2024 to be read as TENDER NO: BMTC/2023-24/IND0052 Dated: 09.02.2024 and there will be no other changes in the notification.

Sd/- CHIEF MECHANICAL ENGINEER (Tender Inviting Authority)

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
E-TENDER CALL NOTICE
TD/TM/GEN-225(Vol-V)/2024/229, dt.05.02.2024

Name of the work: "Allotment of 04 (Four) nos. of Manual Iron Ore Plots." License Fees: Rs.1,18,10,502/-. Wharfage Fees : Rs.7,78,435/-. Last Date & time of submission of bid : 26.02.2024 up to 15:00 hrs. Date and Time of Opening (technical bid) : 26.02.2024 up to 15:00 hrs.

Refer our website for details : https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app & http://paradipport.gov.in/.

Traffic Manager,
Paradip Port Authority
PPA/PR/85/2023-2024, Dt.08/02/2024

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : HO/SP-16/2023-24/INS, Renewal of Tailor Made Group Health Insurance Policy for Kerala Water Authority Employees and their Family Members for the Year 2024 - 25, **EMD :** Rs. NIL, **Tender Fee :** Rs. NIL, **Last Date for Submitting Tender :** 24-02-2024 05:00:pm, **Phone :** 8547638030.
Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in** **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**
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भारत सरकार द्वारा 2021-26 की अवधि के लिए अनुमोदित परियोजनाओं में निम्नलिखित अस्थायी पदों के प्रति संविदा के आधार पर भर्ती के लिए पात्र भारतीय नागरिकों से ऑनलाइन आवेदन आमंत्रित हैं। पद शुरू में एक वर्ष की अवधि के लिए होंगे, जिसे निष्पादन / परियोजना की आवश्यकता के आधार पर वर्षानुवर्ष मार्च 2026 तक या परियोजनाओं के समाप्त होने तक, जो भी पहले हो, विस्तार किया जा सकता है। संविदा पदों का विवरण नीचे दिया गया है:

Online applications are invited from eligible Indian Nationals for engagement on contract basis against the following temporary positions in the projects approved for the period 2021 – 26 by Govt. of India. The positions will be initially for a period of one year, extendable based on performance/project requirement on year-to-year basis till March 2026 or co-terminus with the projects whichever is earlier. The details of the contract positions are given below:

क्र. सं. S.No.	पद का नाम Name of the position	आरक्षण Reservation					कुल Total	आयु सीमा Age Limit
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1.	परियोजना वैज्ञानिक- III Project Scientist - III	01	--	--	--	--	01	45 Yrs.
2.	परियोजना वैज्ञानिक- II Project Scientist - II	12	--	--	--	--	12	40 Yrs.
3.	परियोजना वैज्ञानिक- I Project Scientist - I	9	4	2	4	4	23	35 Yrs.
4.	विशेषज्ञ / सलाहकार (वैज्ञानिक) Expert / Consultant (Scientific)	02	--	--	--	--	02	65 Yrs.
5.	विशेषज्ञ / सलाहकार (प्रशासन) Expert / Consultant (Admin)	01	--	--	--	--	01	65 Yrs.

पदों की संख्या अस्थायी है एवं वास्तविक आवश्यकता एवं भारत सरकार के आदेश के आधार पर संशोधित किया जा सकता है। पद, आरक्षण, समेकित वेतन, शैक्षणिक योग्यता, आयु, अनुभव एवं संविदा पदों की जिम्मेदारी, आवेदन के प्रारूप और अन्य सामान्य शर्तों के बारे में विवरण इंकॉइस वेबसाइट पर 'भर्ती"/Vacancies' https://vacancies.incois.gov.in के अंतर्गत उपलब्ध हैं।

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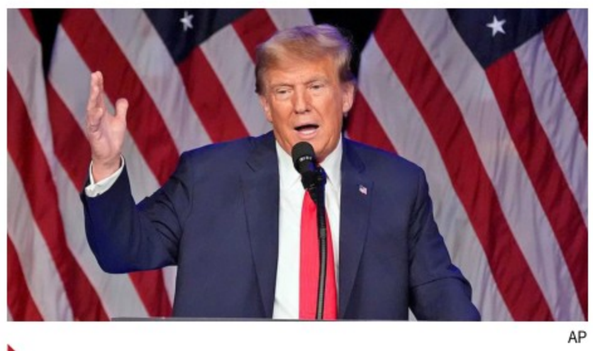
LAS VEGAS

Trump bumps delegate count with easy Nevada caucus win



AP

Donald Trump strolled to victory in the Nevada caucus on Thursday, adding more delegates in his seemingly unstoppable march to the Republican Party's presidential nomination. Mr. Trump was the only major candidate on the ballot when party members gathered in public buildings across the state to cast their in-person votes. AFP

TUNIS

13 Sudanese migrants dead, 27 missing off Tunisia, says official

REUTERS

Thirteen Sudanese migrants died on Thursday after their boat capsized off the coast of Tunisia, while 27 others remain missing, official said. Only two out of the 42 migrants on board survived. The victims were all asylum seekers from war-torn Sudan who had registered with the United Nations' refugee agency. AFP

TOKYO

Japan star conductor Seiji Ozawa dies of heart failure at 88 in Tokyo

AFP

Celebrated Japanese conductor Seiji Ozawa, who led world-renowned orchestras, died at his home in Tokyo aged 88, his management announced on Friday. He died of heart failure and the funeral was attended by close relatives according to his wishes, the statement read. AFP

TBILISI

Gunman kills four at market in Georgia, suspect detained

GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

A gunman killed four people at a market in the southeastern Georgian city of Rustavi, before being detained by police, the Black Sea nation's Interior Ministry said on Friday. It did not give any indication of the motive behind the incident. Mass shootings are relatively rare in Georgia. AFP

Sharif urges rival parties to join hands to form coalition

PML-N chief says he respects the mandate of all parties, including Independent candidates backed by Imran Khan's PTI; a party must win 133 seats out of 265 in the National Assembly to form govt.

Press Trust of India
LAHORE

Friendly stance: Nawaz Sharif, middle, with Shehbaz Sharif and Maryam Nawaz, speaking in Lahore on Friday. AFP

Former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Friday urged rival political parties to join hands to form a stable coalition government to "rebuild" Pakistan, saying all institutions should together play a positive role in bringing the cash-strapped country out of its difficulties.

Addressing the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) supporters at the party's central secretariat here, 74-year-old Mr. Sharif said his party respects the mandate of all parties, including the Independent candidates backed by jailed former Premier Imran Khan's party.

Mr. Sharif, the three-time former Premier, said there is a need for all the political parties to sit together and form a government to pull Pakistan out of its difficulties.

"We can't hold elections again and again," he said. "We were all sitting together yesterday, but didn't address you because the results were not in. We are inviting everyone today to rebuild this injured Pakistan and sit with us," he said as the country appeared heading towards a hung Parliament.

Mr. Sharif announced that he has tasked his younger brother and PML-N president Shehbaz Sharif to reach out to the Pakistan Peoples' Party's Asif Ali Zardari, Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (F) chief Fazlur Rehman and Muttahida Qaumi Movement's Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui for the formation of a coalition government.

The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) data shows that results of 201 constituencies have been declared, which include 86 Independent winners – mostly supported by Mr. Khan's Pakistan Tehreek e Insaf or PTI . The PML-N has won 59 seats, the PPP 44 and smaller parties 12.

Votes are still being counted after Thursday's general election.

To form a government, a party must win 133 seats out of 265 in the National Assembly.

U.S.-China tussle, warships in Indian Ocean dominate IOC conference

Suhasini Haidar
PERTH

The militarisation of the Indian Ocean and "great power rivalry" are growing concerns for smaller countries in the region, said Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe, inaugurating the Indian Ocean Conference in Perth on Friday, as the forum focused on regional cooperation for Indian Ocean Rim and littoral states got under way. As External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar spoke of challenges to international rule of law from the Red Sea to the Indo-Pacific, taking aim specifically at China, Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong said it was necessary to find ways to reduce conflict in the region.

"Instability increases when long-standing agreements are no longer observed, with no credible

S. Jaishankar

justification to justify a change of stance," Mr. Jaishankar said, delivering a keynote address at the conference organised by the India Foundation, in a veiled reference to China's amassing of troops at the Line of Actual Control since April 2020. He also made an oblique reference to Chinese actions in the South China Sea, as he spoke of the challenges to freedom of navigation and overflights, and a disregard for internationally negotiated regimes like UNCLOS as "disturbing".

Speaking at the same event, Sri Lankan President Wickremesinghe said several countries, including India, the U.S., Australia, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, and China were all increasing their naval presence in the Indian Ocean "significantly". "Balancing between the great power rivalry is becoming an increasingly more complex task," said Mr. Wickremesinghe, explaining smaller states have the question of choosing "one over the others" over them. "As a result, the space for manoeuvrability for littoral states is shrinking fast as this rivalry in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) intensifies," he added.

Last month, Sri Lanka announced a one-year moratorium on all foreign research ships docking at its ports, after India objected to dual purpose "spy ships" being allowed into Colombo and Hambantota ports. The moratorium came even as a Chinese warship *Xiang Yang Hong 3* made plans to dock in Male for what the Maldives government called a routine "port call", but added to tensions between the Muizzu and Modi governments, already roiled by Maldives's demand that Indian soldiers leave the islands in the next few months.

President Wickremesinghe was the only head of state at the Indian Ocean Conference, that is organised annually by the India Foundation, that was held for the first time in Australia this year. He was joined by Foreign Ministers from several regional countriesand delegates from 40 countries.

(The Hindu correspondent was an invitee to the Indian Ocean Conference)

'Ukraine must change war methods'

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

The Ukrainian Army needs to change its "methods" to win the war against Russia, Kyiv's new commander-in-chief Oleksandr Syrsky said on Friday in his first comments in the role.

The Army needs "clear and detailed planning", he said, "taking into account the needs of the frontline for the latest weapons supplied by international partners".

Putin urges U.S. to push Ukraine to talks, hints at swap of imprisoned *WSJ* reporter

Associated Press

Russian President Vladimir Putin used an interview with former *Fox News* host Tucker Carlson to urge Washington to recognize Moscow's interests and persuade Ukraine to sit down for talks.

Mr. Putin also said that Russia stands ready to negotiate a potential prisoner exchange that would free *Wall Street Journal* reporter Evan Gershkovich, who was detained last March on espionage charges he denies, and hinted that Moscow wants the release of its agent imprisoned in Germany.

Most of the interview, released on Thursday, focused on Ukraine, where the war is nearing the two-year mark.

Mr. Putin repeated his claim that his invasion of Ukraine, which Kyiv and its allies described as an unprovoked act of aggression, was necessary to protect Russian speakers in

It was Putin's first interview with a Western media figure since his Ukraine invasion 2 years ago

Ukraine and prevent the country from posing a threat to Russia by joining NATO.

Mr. Putin pointed at Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's refusal to conduct talks with the Kremlin. He argued that it's up to Washington to stop supplying Ukraine with weapons and convince Kyiv, which he called a U.S. "satellite," to sit down for negotiations.

"We have never refused negotiations," Mr. Putin said. "You should tell the current Ukrainian leadership to stop and come to a negotiating table."

It was Putin's first interview with a Western media figure since his full-scale invasion of Ukraine two years ago.

Israel's response in Gaza 'over the top', says Biden

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

Israel's military response in the Gaza Strip to the October 7 attacks by Hamas has been "over the top" and has "got to stop," U.S. President Joe Biden said on Thursday.

"I'm of the view, as you know, that the conduct of the response in Gaza, in the Gaza Strip, has been over the top," the Democrat told presspersons at the White House.

"There are a lot of innocent people who are in trouble and dying, and it's got to stop."

American support for Israel's war on the Palestinian militant group has sparked a flurry of attacks on U.S. troops in the region, as well as criticism of the Biden administration at home and abroad. Months of bombardment and siege have deepened a humanitarian crisis across Gaza. But Mr. Biden, 81, said he had pushed to get humanitarian assistance into the territory.

Israel Army to evacuate Gaza's Rafah

Associated Press
JERUSALEM

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Friday said he has ordered the military to prepare a plan to evacuate civilians from Rafah ahead of an expected Israeli invasion of the densely populated southern Gaza city.

Rafah had a pre-war population of roughly 2,80,000, and as per the UN is now home to 1.4 million additional people.

Sport

Duke Of Tuscany should repeat in the Godolphin Barb Million

RACES

HYDERABAD: Trainer Laxman Singh's Duke Of Tuscany, who won well in his last start, should repeat in the Godolphin Barb Million, the feature event of Saturday's (Feb. 10) races.

1 BHUPALPALLY PLATE (1,400m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only (Cat. II) – 12. 40 p.m.: 1. Ashwa Yashvir (7) Kuldeep SIngh (Sr) 56, 2. Desert Hero (4) Kiran Naidu 56, 3. Oliver's Mount (3) Mukesh Kumar 56, 4. Rolls Royce (9) R.S. Jodha 56, 5. Jungle Girl (1) C. Umesh 54.5, 6. Newfound Glory (6) P. Sai Kumar 54.5, 7. Rani Ruckus (2) Md. Ismail 54.5, 8. Star Of Night (5) Hindu Singh 54.5 and 9. White Pearl (8) Nakhat Singh 54.5.

1. OLIVER'S MOUNT, 2. STAR OF NIGHT, 3. JUNGLE GIRL

2 MEDCHAL PLATE (Div. II) (1,200m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 1.10: 1. Bold Beauty (8) N.B. Kuldeep 60, 2. Precious Gift (11) Deepak Singh 60, 3. Flashing Memories (5) R.S. Jodha 59, 4. Silver Lining (3) Afroz Khan 56.5, 5. D Battle (1) Kuldeep Singh (Jr) 55.5, 6. Dali's Champion (7) A.A. Vikrant 55, 7. Rochelle (2) Ajay Kumar 55, 8. Star Cruise (9) Kuldeep Singh (Sr) 54, 9. Inderdhanush (6) Md. Ekram Alam 53.5, 10. Pancho (10) Abhay Singh 52 and 11. Chica Bonita (4) Md. Ismail 51.5.

1. ROCHELLE, 2. D BATTLE, 3. SILVER LINING

3 NARAYANPET PLATE (Div. I) (1,200m), 5-y-o and upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 1.40: 1. Amyra (3) Mukesh Kumar 60, 2. Tripurari (5) C. Umesh 58.5, 3. Angelita (10) Kuldeep Singh (Jr) 57.5, 4. Juramento (8) Hindu Singh 56, 5. Garnet (12) Kuldeep Singh (Sr) 55.5, 6. Top In Class (11) Ajay Kumar 55, 7. Divine Connection (4) Md. Ekram Alam 54, 8. Salisbury (7) Mohit Singh 52.5, 9. Cabello (6) Afroz Khan 52, 10. Clefairy (9) P. Sai Kumar 51, 11. Honourable Lady (1) Surya Prakash 51 and 12. Cosmico (2) G. Naresh 50.5.

1. TOP IN CLASS, 2. GARNET, 3. JURAMENTO

4 MEDCHAL PLATE (Div. I) (1,200m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 2.10: 1. City Cruise (5) R.S. Jodha 60.5, 2. D Right Time (10) Deepak Singh 59.5, 3. Deccan Daisy (6) P. Sai Kumar 59 4. Miracle Mary (4) Hindu Singh 58.5, 5. Swiss Girl (2) Kuldeep Singh (Sr) 56, 6. Canterbury (9) Md. Ekram Alam 54.5, 7. Deccan Ranger (11) Mohit SIngh 54.5, 8. Golden Forza (1) A.A. Vikrant 54.5, 9. Definite (3) Kuldeep Singh (Jr) 53, 10. Desert Sultan (8) G. Naresh 51 and 11. Soorya Vahan (7) Surya Prakash 50.

1. MIRACLE MARY, 2. SWISS GIRL, 3. DECCAN DAISY

5 BONZER CUP (1,600m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 2.45: 1. Sundance Kid (3) Abhay Singh 61.5, 2. Caraxes (9) Afroz Khan 58, 3. Club Queen (2) Nakhat Singh 56, 4. Crown Witness (5) P. Sai Kumar 54.5, 5. Wot's Up Jay (7) Md. Ismail 54.5, 6. Sucker Punch (6) G. Naresh 53.5, 7. Alcahol Free (8) Surya Prakash 52.5, 8. Nkalanzinzi (1) Kuldeep Singh (Sr) 52.5 and 9. Noble Heart (4) Kaviraj 52.

1. NKALANZINZI, 2. CROWN WITNESS, 3. CARAXES

6 GODOLPHIN BARB MILLION (1,400m) (Terms), 3-y-o only – 3.15: 1. Duke Of Tuscany (3) C. Umesh 56, 2. Get Lucky (5) Nakhat Singh 56, 3. Divine Prophecy (2) Hindu Singh 54.5, 4. Flying Fury (1) Md. Ismail 53 and 5. Star Forever (4) P. Sai Kumar 51.5.

1. DUKE OF TUSCANY, 2. DIVINE PROPHECY

7 BRAVE HUNTER CUP (1,400m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 3.45: 1. Reigning Beauty (6) Mukesh Kumar 60, 2. Australia (10) P. Sai Kumar 57.5, 3. Worcester (8) Afroz Khan 56.5, 4. Brooklyn Beauty (9) Kiran Naidu 55, 5. Burgundy Black (4) D.S. Deora 55, 6. Wallop And Gallop (2) Kuldeep Singh (Jr) 55, 7. Magnum (3) Kuldeep Singh (Sr) 54.5, 8. Encore (7) Md. Ekram Alam 54, 9. Quality Warrior (1) Surya Prakash 53 and 10. N R I Ultrapower (5) Kaviraj 52.5.

1. ENCORE, 2. REINING BEAUTY, 3. WORCESTER

8 NARAYANPET PLATE (Div. II) (1,200m), 5-y-o and upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 4.15: 1. Sun Dancer (9) Kiran Naidu 60, 2. Red Snaper (8) Afroz Khan 58.5, 3. Malibu (4) Md. Ekram Alam 57, 4. Dyanoosh (5) Mohit Singh 56, 5. Midsummer Star (2) P. Sai Kumar 55.5, 6. Coming Home (1) D.S. Deora 54.5, 7. Sopranos (11) Kaviraj 54.5, 8. Classical Music (6) Kuldeep Singh (Jr) 52.5, 9. D Minchu (3) Kuldeep Singh (Sr) 52.5, 10. Rising Queen (10) Md. Ismail 51.5 and 11. Star Medal (7) Nakhat Singh 51.5.

1. MALIBU, 2. MIDSUMMER STAR, 3. DYANOOSH

Day's Best: DUKE OF TUSCANY
Jackpot: 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.
Mini Jackpot: (i) 2, 3, 4 & 5, (ii) 5, 6, 7 & 8.
Treble: (i) 1, 2 & 3, (ii) 3, 4 & 5, (iii) 6, 7 & 8.
Tanala: All races.

Siege Courageous expected to score

BENGALURU: Siege Courageous, who has been well tuned, is expected to score in the Aga Aly Asker Sprinters' Trial Stakes (1,200m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Saturday (Feb. 10).

False rails (width about 6.25m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 BIDAR PLATE (1,800m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 2.00 p.m.: 1. Nikolina (3) S. John 61, 2. Stormy Ocean (2) G. Vivek 59.5, 3. Balor (1) Mark 59, 4. Golden Time (5) P. Siddaraju 59 and 5. Aquamatic (4) I. Chisty 56.5.

1. AQUAMATIC, 2. NIKOLINA

2 TOPMOST PLATE (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 2.30: 1. Golden Light (7) I. Chisty 56, 2. Hyder (4) B. Dharshan 56, 3. Mandarino (10) S. Shareef 56, 4. Monterio (6) G. Vivek 56, 5. Pericles (1) Shreyas 56, 6. Ranquelino (9) Arvind K 56, 7. Redefined (3) F. Norton 56, 8. Art Of Romance (12) Darshan 54.5, 9. Ladylion (8) Jagadeesh 54.5, 10. Mehra (2) P. Surya 54.5, 11. Queen Of Kings (5) Ashok K 54.5 and 12. Royal Whisper (11) Vivek 54.5.

1. ART OF ROMANCE, 2. REDEFINED, 3. MONTERIO

3 WINSLOW STAKES (Div. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 3.00: 1. Baltimore (8) S. John 60, 2. Slice Of Heaven (5) P. Surya 58, 3. Born Dancer (9) M. Naveen 57.5, 4. Capri Girl (7) R. Pradeep 57.5, 5. Spirit Dancer (2) Darshan 56.5, 6. Mega Success (6) Jagadeesh 56, 7. Burst Of Blaze (1) Arshad 55.5, 8. Princess Jasmine (4) G. Vivek 55.5 and 9. Ice Storm (3) M. Rajesh K 55.

1. BORN DANCER, 2. BALTIMORE, 3. PRINCESS JASMINE

4 HAMPI PLATE (1,400m), rated 60 to 85, 3.30: 1. Peyo (5) S. John 62, 2. Stellantis (1) F. Norton 56, 3. Douglas (7) I. Chisty 55.5, 4. Michigan Melody (8) P. Siddaraju 54.5, 5. Inyouwebelieve (6) Arvind K 54, 6. Irish Coffee (3) Darshan 54, 7. Pink Jasmine (4) Shreyas 54 and 8. King Of War (2) Saddam H 52.

1. PEYO, 2. STELLANTIS, 3. PINK JASMINE

5 H.B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 4.00: 1. Air Display (1) Vivek 60, 2. Pneuma (3) G. Vivek 60, 3. Roman Spirit (2) Srinath 59.5, 4. Czar (10) I. Chisty 57.5, 5. Marzgovel (7) F. Norton 57.5, 6. Ricardo (6) Saddam H 57.5, 7. Classic Charm (11) Darshan 57, 8. The Perfect Choice (8) R. Pradeep 56, 9. Four Wheel Drive (5) Tousif 54.5, 10. Lauterbrunnen (4) M. Rajesh K 54, 11. Star Concept (9) P. Siddaraju 54 and 12. Prophecy (12) L.A. Rozario 53.5.

1. PNEUMA, 2. MARZGOVEL, 3. PROPHECY

6 AGA ALY ASKER SPRINTERS' TRIAL STAKES (1,200m), 4-y-o & over, (Terms), 4.30: 1 All Attraction (3) I. Chisty 59, 2. Iron Clad (5) M. Naveen 59, 3. Siege Courageous (2) G. Vivek 59, 4. Amreli (6) Srinath 57.5, 5. Isnt She Beautiful (1) F. Norton 57.5 and 6. Prime Abbess (4) L.A. Rozario 57.5.

1. SIEGE COURAGEOUS, 2. ISNT SHE BEAUTIFUL

7 BHADRA PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 5-00: 1. Remontoir (9) P. Siddaraju 60, 2. Ombudsman (7) Vivek 59, 3. Singhsaab (6) Inayat 58.5, 4. The Athabasca (1) R. Ravi 58, 5. Glow In The Dark (3) M. Naveen 57, 6. The Omega Man (8) Salman Khan 56, 7. War Trail (5) R. Pradeep 56, 8. My Solitaire (4) Arvind K 54 and 9. Burning Arrow (2) M. Rajesh K 59.

1. GLOW IN THE DARK, 2. OMBUDSMAN, 3. SINGHSAAB

8 WINSLOW STAKES (Div. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 5-30: 1. Star Admiral (9) Darshan 62, 2. Rightly Noble (6) Ram Nandan 60.5, 3. Chisox (4) P. Siddaraju 59, 4. Lady Invictus (5) Inayat 57, 5. Schafenberg (2) Saddam H 57, 6. Oxytocin (7) R. Pradeep 55, 7. Lady Godiva (1) Arvind K 52, 8. Golden Gallery (8) G. Vivek 51.5 and 9. Sacred Creator (3) M. Rajesh K 51.5.

1. GOLDEN GALLERY, 2. OXYTOCIN, 3. LADY GODIVA

Day's best: SIEGE COURAGEOUS
Double: PEYO - PNEUMA
Jkt: 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8; Tr (i): 3, 4 and 5; (ii): 6, 7 and 8.

Warner stars as Australia downs West Indies

Agence France-Presse
HOBART

David Warner, who became only the third man after Ross Taylor and Virat Kohli to play 100 internationals in each format, slammed 70 off 36 balls as Australia beat West Indies by 11 runs in the opening clash of their three-match series on Friday. The host scored 213 for seven after being sent in to bat. The visitor could only manage 202 for eight, with Zampa taking three for 26.

The scores: Australia 213/7 in 20 overs (Warner 70; Russell 3/42) bt West Indies 202/8 in 20 overs (King 53, Charles 42; Zampa 3/26); *Australia won by 11 runs.*
PoM: Warner. **Toss:** West Indies.

GAME RECOGNISES GAME

Fantastic Bumrah has taken pitch out of equation, says Steyn

K.R. DEEPAK

India's Jasprit Bumrah has taken the pitch out of equation on his way to acquiring legendary status, said Dale Steyn. "I don't think there's any Test bowlers right now who are able to run in and bowl essentially wicket-taking yorkers... you take the pitch away and I think that's one thing that he's done really well," Steyn said.

BIG WORRY

England has let India back into the series, says Vaughan

K.R. DEEPAK

Michael Vaughan is worried England will become a side that doesn't win much despite putting in the hard yards. "I do worry that it might become a team which does all this great work only to not actually win very much. It didn't win the Ashes when it should have done and now it has let India back into a series," he said.

RARE FEAT

Nissanka becomes first Lankan to smash a double hundred in ODIs

AFP

Pathum Nissanka (210 n.o.) became the first Sri Lankan to score an ODI double century as he set up the team's win in the series opener against Afghanistan at Pallekele on Friday. **The scores:** Sri Lanka 381/3 in 50 overs (Nissanka 210 n.o., Fernando 88) bt Afghanistan 339/6 in 50 overs (Azmatullah 149 n.o., Nabi 136, Madushan 4/75).

IN THE HUNT

Giants cruise past Warriors, inch closer to a spot in playoffs

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Gujarat Giants inched closer to a playoffs spot after registering a comprehensive 41-32 victory over Bengal Warriors in the Pro Kabaddi League in Kolkata on Friday. Giants moved to the fourth spot with 60 points from 19 matches. Haryana Steelers laid on a masterclass to beat the UP Yoddhas 50-34.

India avenges loss to the USA, gets it right finally

The Indian women had suffered a loss against the opponent in the Olympic Qualifiers, but produced a better display this time around; the win ended the host's five-match losing streak

PRO LEAGUE

Uthra Ganesan
BHUBANESWAR

Breaking through: Vandana is all set to score India's opener. BISWARANJAN ROUT

The Indian women broke a five-match losing streak to end the first leg of the Pro League matches with a 3-1 win against USA here on Friday. The victory ensured the first points for the team in this edition and also helped the team avenge its loss in the Olympic Qualifiers.

The host got early chances but the finishing took time coming. With both sides hoping for an early lead to take control, it was end-to-end hockey but there were too many turnovers in the midfield. The deadlock was broken in the ninth minute as Vandana Katariya proved why being in the right position at the right time is a valued skill.

Sangita Kumari snatched the ball and ran along the baseline to lift it in front of the goal and Vandana made no mistake by smashing it in at the far post. Deepika made it 2-0, stretching herself to keep the pass from Vandana in play, turn and shoot a backhand into the net all in one motion to give India a 2-0 cushion at half-time.

USA came back strongly and the Indians, despite their twin success, continued to miss chances. The shooting continued to be wayward and the final pass, too, was often off-target. USA, clawing back gradually into the game, pulled one back through Sanne Caarls in the 42nd minute. But Deepika saved her best for the end. She ran all the way along the sideline, dodged past three defenders and pushed the ball to the far post for a diving Salima Tete to connect perfectly and finish.

Netherlands, meanwhile, continued its goal-scoring spree, winning 6-2 against a struggling Australia. The caravan moves to Rourkela for the next leg.

The results: Netherlands 6 (Marijn Veen 3, Yibbi Jansen 2, Frederique Matla) bt Australia 2 (Tatum Stewart, Grace Stewart); India 3 (Vandana Katariya, Deepika, Salima Tete) bt USA 1 (Sanne Caarls).

Perceived slight from Ferguson spurred me on in Champions League final: Solskjaer

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Star: Solskjaer, who dreamed of scoring a magical goal as a child, stole the show in 1999. K. MURALI KUMAR

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer was the centrepiece of one of the most dramatic moments in club football. With a stab of the right foot and a late, late winner against Bayern Munich in the 1999 UEFA Champions League final, Solskjaer scripted a famous Manchester United title win.

The Norwegian, who came on as a substitute on that night at Barcelona, stated that the goal came as a result of a perceived slight from his manager Alex Ferguson.

At half-time, with Manchester United trailing 0-1, Ferguson chose to bring Teddy Sheringham on first, which upset Solskjaer. Sheringham, of course, went on to score the equaliser before Solskjaer stole the show.

"At half-time, Sir Alex talked to Teddy and got him ready to go on. But I was in good form that season, so I was thinking, 'Why are you not speaking to me? Why are you talking to Teddy?', Solskjaer said here on Friday.

"So I got myself ready because I knew something special was bound to happen. I play better when I'm a bit angry. I wanted to show Sir Alex that he made a mistake by not putting me on earlier."

The former Manchester United forward and manager is in the city on a visit hosted by Tilak Gaurang Shah, founder of 'Ace of Pubs'.

As a child, Solskjaer often dreamed about scoring a magical goal. "I have scored that goal thousands of times when I was a kid. I remember playing football on my own and telling myself, 'If you score this, you win the European Cup'. I imagined myself being Marco van Basten or Zico. And when it actually happened in 1999, it was all a blur," Solskjaer said.

Solskjaer weighed in on Marcus Rashford, who was recently fined two weeks' wages for an inebriated night out in Belfast. Asked how current Manchester United manager Erik ten Hag can get the best out of Rashford, Solskjaer said, "Is it the manager's job to get the best out of him, or is it the player's responsibility to get the best out of yourself? I think it is the latter."

Three-match series is a minimum: MCC panel

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A minimum of three-match Test series and the home team footing the bill of the visiting side in a bilateral contest are some of the recommendations made by the MCC's World Cricket Committee.

"In support of the thrilling Test cricket currently being played and the importance of sustaining the traditional format of the game, the WCC recommends men's Test series be played across a minimum of three matches from the next ICC Future Tours Programme from 2028 (next cycle) onwards," said the Committee.

"The game owes a debt of gratitude to India... however, the reliance upon India belies the fact that the game needs to identify new markets to ensure its global growth, at a time when media rights beyond the current cycle are by no means guaranteed."

"From the the next cycle, it would be preferable for a more equitable split of matches to provide a more balanced opportunity for nations to access key dates and opposition."

Semenistaja breezes past Kudermetova

MUMBAI OPEN

Kamesh Srinivasan
MUMBAI

Semenistaja. KAMESH SRINIVASAN

Darja Semenistaja scotched the hopes of Polina Kudermetova by racing to a 6-4, 6-3 victory in the quarterfinals of the L&T Mumbai WTA tennis tournament at the Cricket Club of India on Friday.

It was the second victory for the 21-year-old Semenistaja, ranked 120 in the world, over Kudermetova in as many meetings, following the quarterfinal triumph on way to the title last month in Bengaluru.

The 20-year-old Kudermetova had the big game, but unlike the way she stepped it up against Sahaja Yamalapalli from the brink of defeat in the earlier round, the wiry Russian was unable to call her best game when needed.

In contrast, Semenistaja, who has already won 15 singles titles in the professional circuit, played strong in letting Kudermetova hurtle to defeat with a flurry of errors in the climax.

In the semifinals, Semenistaja will play Arianne Hartono who was not challenged much by an indisposed Moyuka Uchijima.

With Katie Volynets of USA breezing past lucky-loser Sohyun Park, who was unable to find her rhythm, there was not much entertainment for the enthusiasts.

Storm Hunter of Australia conserved her energy, as she had got a walkover from the 16-year-old Alina Korneeva owing to ill health.

The Indian interest will be kept alive by Prarthana Thomabre in the doubles semifinals on Saturday. Prarthana's partner Arianne Hartono has been in good form, and may have to spend a lot of time on court in singles and doubles.

The results: Quarterfinals: Darja Semenistaja (Lat) bt Polina Kuderetova 6-4, 6-3; Arianne Hartono (Ned) bt Moyuka Uchijima (Jpn) 6-3, 4-3 (retired); Katie Volynets (USA) bt Sohyun Park (Kor) 6-1, 6-2; Storm Hunter (Aus) w.o. Alina Korneeva.

Nagal moves a step closer to top-100; Mukund loses

CHENNAI OPEN

Nihit Sachdeva
CHENNAI

Gameplan: Nagal stood a considerable distance behind the baseline to neutralise the big serve of Palan. R. RAVINDRAN

Sumit Nagal moved closer to breaking into the top-100 in the ATP Rankings after reaching the semifinals of the Chennai Open ATP Challenger with a 6-3, 6-3 win over Czech Republic's Dominik Palan on Friday.

Nagal, who is at 110 in the live rankings, needs to win the tournament to become the first Indian man since Prajnesh Gunneswaran in 2019 to make his top-100 debut.

The 26-year-old Indian, seeded second, produced a mature performance against Palan to record his third straight-set win on the Centre Court of the SDAT Stadium here.

The Czech, three years younger to Nagal, tried to put the Indian under pressure by taking the ball early and got his first break point opportunity in the third game of the opener. However, he failed to convert it, hitting a crosscourt forehand return wide.

Nagal stood a considerable distance behind the baseline and neutralised the big serve of the 6'3" Czech. The Indian got two break points at 40-15 in the sixth game. While Palan saved first with an ace up the T, he followed it up by hitting a backhand down the line wide in the next exchange.

Nagal faced his second break point while serving for the set but managed to save it with a forehand winner down the line. A few moments later, the same shot helped him seal the opener.

He broke Palan in the first and ninth game of the second set to complete the formalities in an hour and 31 minutes. Nagal will take on Dalibor Svrcina, another Czech, on Saturday for a place in the final after the third seed outlasted local wildcard S. Mukund 6-7(6), 6-2, 6-4 in a quarterfinal fixture that finished just six minutes short of the three-hour mark.

All-Indian final

In doubles, the Saketh Myneni-Ramkumar Ramanathan pair will take on Rithvik Choudary Bollipalli-Niki Poonacha duo in an all-Indian final.

Other results:

Quarterfinals: Luca Nardi (Ita) bt Stefano Napolitano (Ita) 6-4, 3-6, 6-0(2); Chun-hsin Tseng (Tpe) bt Enrico Dalla Valle (Ita) 7-5, 6-2.

Glorious night

Best of the best: Sumit Antil received the Sportsman of the year (Para sports) award at the *Sportstar* ACES Awards 2024 on Thursday. BCCI treasurer Ashish Shelar and Mohd. Shami collected the National Team award on behalf of the Indian men's cricket team. Neeraj Kapoor, centre, GM CSR, NTPC, got the Best PSU for Promotion of Sports award while Team Tata Steel was honoured with the Best Corporate award. Dr. R. Mohana Krishnan, Director (Sports), SRM IST, was the recipient of the Best University award while Sheetal and her coach clicked a photo with Sunil Gavaskar. EMMANUAL YOGINI & K.R. DEEPAK

INBRIEF

Bopanna presented honorary membership by CCI

The world No. 1 doubles star and Australian Open Grand Slam champion Rohan Bopanna was given an honorary membership by the Cricket Club of India (CCI) on Friday. After the first match of the ongoing WTA tennis event at the CCI, the organisers arranged for a quick felicitation of Bopanna, who will be turning 44 next month. Bopanna recalled the ATP Tour event at the same venue in 2006 when the organisers had worked wonders in handling rain and ensuring play, even though the finals had to be pushed to Monday. Bopanna praised the Maharashtra State Lawn Tennis Association (MSLTA) for working towards the promotion of the game in the best possible way. Appreciating the work of his State, Karnataka, Bopanna hoped that the other States would also join in strengthening the game in the country. The organisers also felicitated Rutuja Bhosale who had won the Asian Games mixed doubles gold with Bopanna in Hangzhou, China, last year.

Tamil Nadu boys and girls storm into the semifinals

Tamil Nadu boys and girls entered the semifinals of the 73rd junior National basketball championship in Bhubaneswar on Friday. The boys beat Punjab 97-86 while the girls cruised past Rajasthan 102-75.

The results: Quarterfinals: Men: TN 97bt Punjab 86; Chandigarh 91 bt MP 71.
Women: Maharashtra 89 bt Chhattisgarh 85; Kerala 67 bt MP 60; TN 102 bt Rajasthan 75 ; Punjab 113 bt Gujarat 52.
Pre-quarterfinals: Men: Kerala bt Delhi 81-71; AP bt Odisha 83-79.
Women: Gujarat bt Karnataka 77-71; Rajasthan bt UP 102-98.

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 8.30 a.m.

Ranji Trophy: Jio Cinema App, 9.30 a.m.

ISL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 5 & 7.30 p.m.

Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6, 8.30 & 11 p.m.

LaLiga: Jio Cinema App, 6.30, 8.45, 11 p.m.; Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema, 1.30 a.m. (Sunday)

Serie A: Jio Cinema App, 7.30, 10.30 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Sunday)

Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 & 11 p.m.

PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8 p.m.

Padikkal puts Karnataka in strong position

The left-hander scores his third ton of the season as the visitors reach 288 for five on day one; adds 132 for the second wicket with opener Samarth

RANJI TROPHY

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

Devdutt Padikkal's purple patch continued as he notched up his third century of the season to guide Karnataka to a strong position of 288 for five against Tamil Nadu on day one of the Elite Group-C Ranji Trophy match here at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium on Friday.

Electing to bat, Karnataka lost skipper Mayank Agarwal early, playing on to the stumps off Sai Kishore before Padikkal took centre-stage with an aggressive unbeaten 151 (216b, 12x4, 6x6).

The left-hander – who returned to the side after scoring a century and half-century in the two matches for India A against England Lions – took the attack to the TN pacers from the moment he walked in. He started his knock by lofting M. Mohammed over point and down the ground for a four and a six and gave the same treatment to Sandeep Warrier a while later.

Going, going, gone! Padikkal took the attack to the TN bowlers with six towering sixes. M. VEDHAN

At the other end, opener R. Samarth (57) made a valuable half-century and added 132 runs for the second wicket with Padikkal, setting a strong platform for the visitors.

After lunch, Padikkal launched into Sai Kishore, depositing the TN skipper over long-on and mid-wicket after getting to his half-century. The 23-year-old looked comfortable tackling the left-arm spinners on a pitch with variable bounce. He had a reprieve on 77 when Mohammed dropped a straightforward catch at long-on off Ajith Ram.

Padikkal made TN pay the price as he took apart Sai Kishore, hitting him for a six and two fours off consecutive deliveries to race to his sixth First Class hundred in style.

In the final session, TN fought back with three quick wickets through its spinners before Hardik Raj and Padikkal steadied things with an unbroken 54-run stand.

For the hosts, left-arm spinner Ajith Ram was the best bowler on the day. He bowled with control and guile, but got only one over before lunch and was given a lengthy spell only late into the second session. By that time Padikkal was already well set for a big one.

The scores: Karnataka — 1st innings: R. Samarth b Ajith Ram 57, Mayank Agarwal b Sai Kishore 20, Devdutt Padikkal (batting) 151, Nikin Jose c Jagadeesan b Sai Kishore 13, Manish Pandey lbw b Ajith Ram 1, Kishan Bedare c Pradosh b Sai Kishore 3, Hardik Raj (batting) 35; Extras (lb-7, w-1): 8; Total (for five wkts. in 90 overs): 288.
Fall of wickets: 1-35, 2-167, 3-226, 4-231, 5-234.
TN bowling: Warrier 18-1-63-0, Sai Kishore 26-3-94-3, Mohammed 11-2-31-0, Pradosh 7-1-17-0, Vijay Shankar 7-0-20-0, Ajith Ram 20-4-53-2, Boopathi 1-0-3-0.

RANJI SCORES, ROUND 6, DAY 1

Elite: Group-A: At Jaipur: Saurashtra 242/4 in 89.3 overs (Cheteshwar Pujara 110, Sheldon Jackson 78 batting) vs Rajasthan. **Toss: Saurashtra**.
At Ahmedabad: Manipur 67 in 34.2 overs vs Services 191/3 in 54 overs (Ravi Chauhan 87 batting, Rajat Paliwal 62 batting). **Toss: Manipur**.
At Jamshedpur: Haryana 338/6 in 89 overs (Ankit Kumar 109, Himanshu Rana 82, Rahul Tewatia 51 batting) vs Jharkhand. **Toss: Haryana.**
At Pune: Maharashtra 208 in 56.4 overs vs Vidarbha 111/1 in 24 overs (Dhruv Shorey 55 batting). **Toss: Vidarbha.**
Group-B: At Vizianagaram: Andhra 236/4 in 80 overs (KV Sasikanth 72, Ricky Bhui 90 batting, Karan Shinde 45 batting) vs Uttar Pradesh. **Toss: UP**.
At Raipur: Mumbai 310/4 in 86 overs (Prithvi Shaw 159, Bhupen Lalwani 102) vs Chhattisgarh. **Toss: Mumbai**.
At Thumba: Kerala 265/4 in 90 overs (Jalaj Saxena 40, Sachin Baby 110 batting, Akshay Chandran 76 batting) vs Bengal. **Toss: Kerala**.
At Guwahati: Assam 235/5 in 86 overs (Parvej Musaraf 89, Abhishek Thakuri 77 batting) vs Bihar. **Toss: Bihar**.
Group-C: At Chandigarh: Chandigarh 282/6 in 90 overs (Manan Vohra 134, Ankit Kaushik 76) vs Tripura. **Toss: Chandigarh**.
At Surat: Railways 293/9 in 90 overs (Suraj Ahuja 81, Upendra Yadav 91) vs Goa. **Toss: Goa**.
At Mohali: Gujarat 168/4 in 53 overs (Priyank Panchal 77, Aditya Patel 58) vs Punjab. **Toss: Punjab**.
At Chennai: Karnataka 288/5 in 90 overs (R. Samarth 57, Devdutt Padikkal 151 batting) vs Tamil Nadu. **Toss: Karnataka**.
Group-D: At Puducherry: Jammu & Kashmir 106 & 0/1 in 0.1 overs (Sidak Singh 5/39) vs Puducherry 172 in 55.1 overs (Paras Dogra 58, Arun Karthik 50, Abid Mushtaq 5/64, Vanshaj Sharma 5/74). **Toss: J&K**.
At Dharamshala: Delhi 264 in 71 overs (Ayush Badoni 51, Himmat Singh 60, Vinay Galetiya 5/66) vs Himachal Pradesh. **Toss: HP**.
At Indore: Madhya Pradesh 223/3 in 57 overs (Himanshu Mantri 105 batting) vs Baroda. **Toss: MP**.
At Cuttack: Uttarakhand 232/3 in 90 overs (Vaibhav Bhatt 101 batting, Jiwanjot Singh 90) vs Odisha. **Toss: Uttarakhand**.
Plate (semifinals): At Hyderabad: Hyderabad 383/5 in 90 overs (Tanmay Agarwal 164, Rohit Rayudu 59, Tilak Varma 101) vs Nagaland. **Toss: Hyderabad**.
At Mangaldoi: Mizoram 144 in 46.3 overs (Agni Chopra 53, Aryan Bora 6/58) vs Meghalaya 115/5 in 37 overs. **Toss: Mizoram**.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Pospisil handed wildcard entry to Bengaluru Open

Vasek Pospisil, a former Wimbledon doubles champion (in 2014) and singles quarterfinalist (in 2015), was handed a wildcard into the singles main draw of next week's DafaNews Bengaluru Open. The 33-year-old from Canada reached a career high singles ranking of No. 25 in January 2014 and No. 4 in doubles in April 2015. Pospisil, known for his attacking net-rushing game, is currently ranked 816 in the world and has had a stop-start last few years because of injuries. He last won a singles title in 2022 at the Drummondville Challenger.

Vasek Pospisil. AP

Big win for Legends de Sporting

Legends de Sporting Bengaluru blanked Youngstars FC 4-0 in the KSFA A-division football league here on Friday.

The results:
Legends de Sporting Bengaluru 4 (Aditi Santhosh 20, Ninglian Huai 23, 44, Jayashri Dhama 35) bt Youngstars FC 0; Kemp FC Juniors 3 (Anaya Susan Thomas 2, J. Anshika 13, 15) bt GRK Girls FC 0.

Hat-trick by Jang Kuki

Jang Kuki scored a hat-trick as Vijayanagara FC thrashed South India FC 5-1 in the BDFA B-division league championship on Friday.

The results:
Vijayanagara FC 5 (Seigoulen Kipgen 13, M.K. Aktharudheen 32, Jang Jagin Kuki 38, 64, 67) bt South India FC 1 (S.T. Surendran 70); Royals FC 3 (R. Saleem 33, Sunil Christopher 55, 70) bt Postal Dept FC 1 (K. Rohan 65); Snipers FC 2 (Paogoulal Lhouvum 12, V.P. Shahil 66) bt Tilak Memorial FC 0.

Wrestling trials put off: ad-hoc committee

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

The selection trials for the upcoming Olympic qualifiers and Asian wrestling championships have been postponed to March 10 and 11, the ad-hoc committee running the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) said in a statement on Friday. Earlier, the trials were scheduled to be held from February 27 to 29. The ad-hoc panel said that the trials are being postponed because of the delay in organising the National championships, which concluded in Jaipur on Monday, and "unavoidable circumstances." According to reliable sources, the trials were shifted to March in order to give more time to some experienced wrestlers, including a few who participated in protests against WFI top brass.

The trials for men (freestyle and Greco-Roman) will be held at Sonepat, while Patiala will host the women's trials. "The winner of the trials in Olympic weight categories will represent India in Olympic qualifiers, including the Asian Olympic qualifiers (April 19-21) and World Olympic qualifiers (May 9-12)," said the statement.

The second-placed athletes in Olympic categories and the winners in non-Olympic weight categories will compete in the Asian championships in Bishkek from April 11 to 16.

Antim Panghal (53kg), who won a bronze in the World championships and has been the only Indian wrestler to win an Olympic quota place so far, will be given a direct entry to compete at the Asian championships. Indian wrestlers can win 17 more quota places.